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PREFACE

THE present volume completes the description of the works of Persian poetry contained in the Bankipore Library and deals with poets both Persian and Indian who flourished during the Seventeenth Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries of the Christian Era

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No 342 The Diwan of Saib written in his own house in Isfahan eight years before his death

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This volume like its predecessors is due to the scholarly industry of Maulavi Abdul Muqtadir

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SHAHINSHÂH NÂMAH

The illuminated stais are placed between the following two introductory verses written in gold in beautiful bold Naskh

همسۀ نامۀ سلطان محمد
 کہ نادا ہمر و امالس مود
 سرم آل ہمان کبان اصل
 ارو روس حراع مسردہ نسل

From the numerous seals, signatures, and 'Ard-didahs of some of the distinguished nobles of the Timuride sovereigns of India, it is certain that somehow or other this valuable copy travelled to India during the time of Shâh Jahân, and was preserved in his Royal Library. The most interesting of all the seals is that of Jahân Ârâ Begam, which is very rare and not found in any other MS in this Library. Jahân Ârâ, who was born in A H 1022 = A D 1613 and died in A H 1092 = A D 1681, was the eldest child of Shâh Jahân. She was the most accomplished lady of Shâh Jahân's *harem*, and is the authoress of the well-known Persian work *Mu'nis-ul-Arwâh مؤنس الارواح*, a notice on the celebrated saint Khwâjah Mu'in-ud-Dîn Chishtî, composed in A H 1049 = A D 1639.

The name of the author, who calls himself Husaynî حسہبی, occurs thus on fol 6^a

حسہبی نوائی کس ار حار کاه
 بسس کومہ اندر رمان مدح مہ

In the prologue the poet, after praising God, the prophet, and the Imâms, highly eulogises the reigning king Sultân Muhammad, whose date of accession, A H 1003 = A D 1012, he gives thus on fol 7^b —

حوطل حلبل امہ ، آن بجدیل
 سد سال تاریخ طلل حلبل

On fol 10^a the poet sings the praise of the three preceding kings, namely, Sulaymân I, Salîm I and Mu'âd III, and says that he wrote the exploits of these kings in Persian and Turkish prose and verse, and that he composed several Shâh Nâmahs, numbering ten volumes, and particularly names his two works, Hunar Nâmah ہنار نامہ and Sûr Nâmah سور نامہ.

On fol 111^a is mentioned the date 231d Rabî' I, A H 1007, under the heading رازہ سودن آصہ ، را سہای نومس. In the epilogue the date of composition is given thus in the following verse

تک و الف نا رفته بود ار مسه
که کردم در نظم را حانه

which would seem to mean that one thousand and one had not passed from the (Hijrah) year when the author finished the work. But as the book was written during the reign of Sultan Muhammad III who reigned from A H 1003-1012 we cannot accept the above year as the date of composition of the work. Moreover it is very difficult to detect the mistake of the scribe in the above line. One possible reading with a slight alteration is however suggestive. Instead of

تک و الف نا رفته الح

I am inclined to read

تک و الف و نه رفته بود ار مسه

that is A H 1010 = A D 1601

The concluding verse runs thus —

ر ما دمدم تر رسول انام
سلام العليک و عليک السلام

The copy is profusely illuminated in the beginning and richly illustrated in Persian style throughout.

Written in a beautiful clear Nasta liq

No 266

fol 120 lines 13 size $6\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ 4×3

دیوان عجزی

DÎWÂN-I-'IJZÎ

A very rare copy of the lyrical poems of Mulla Hasan Beg poetically known as Ijzî a native of Tabriz ملا حسن بک عجزی تبریزی composed in close imitation to Fîḡanî

The *diwân* begins with the following two introductory lines, which indicate the dedication to Shâh 'Abbâs I (A.H. 985-1038 = A.D. 1587-1629)

صد مشکوکه این سرو ، ارباب ، کلام
 بدرفت نام نه نامس نظام
 خون کلب دوشیان او گشت ، آحر
 خون دولپ دوشیان او گشت تمام

The *Gazals* are alphabetically arranged, and the first of them begins thus on fol 1^b

ای ر تو بد بر زبان نهان سخن سرای را
 وی ر تو صدها بدل حمل گره کسای را

Taqî Auhadî, a friend and contemporary of 'Ijzî, says in his *'Urâfat*, fol 500^a, that he frequently enjoyed 'Ijzî's company in 'Irâq, Qazwin, and several other places, and held poetical discourses with him. When Sultân Muhammad Khudâ Bandah (A.H. 985 = A.D. 1578), father of Shâh 'Abbâs the First, went to Isfahân, 'Ijzî was present there in the camp of the Sultân. He was alive till A.H. 1004 = A.D. 1595 in the reign of Shâh 'Abbâs I.

Notices on the poet's life will be found in *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol. II, fol 311^b, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 268^a, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib*, p 560, *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, p 1223, etc.

One or two folios are missing from the end, and the MS. breaks off with the following lines

نخواهم برد جان از مسلسل آن بسوا حصری
 حو دل هم در سر آن رله ، مسک امسان سوم روزی

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq
 Not dated, apparently 16th century

No 267

fol 293 lines 9 (in three columns) size 3 × 6 1/2 × 7 1/2

رباعيات سحابی

RUBĀ'ĪYĀT-I-SAHĀBĪ

The quatrains of Sahabī

Mawlāna Kāmal ud Dīn Sahabī al Astarībadī مولانا کمال الدین was according to his contemporary biographer Taqī Auhadī born in Shīstar but as he originally belonged to Jūrjan the former capital of Astarībad he is better known as Astarībadī (see Haft Iqlīm fol 302) and as he spent the last forty years of his life in devotion on the holy shrine of Alī in Najaf he is also called as Najafī. It is quoted in the *Nishtar-i Ishq* from the Subh-i Sadiq that Sahabī once threw seventy thousand of his Rubā'īs into the water and that only twenty thousand quatrains could afterwards be gathered from various sources. Taqī Auhadī says that Sahabī is said to have left fifty thousand Rubā'īs and that he has himself seen six thousand of them. Sahabī died in Najaf according to overwhelming authorities in A.H. 1010 = A.D. 1601.

See Rieu II p 672 Ethé Bodl Lib Cat No 1063 Ethé Ind Office Lib Cat 1480 W. Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 925 and 926 Sprenger Oude Cat p 552 where the collection of the poet's Rubā'īs is styled as *حشاک معصوم* see also Taqī Auhadī fol 318 Riyad ush Shu'arā fol 180^b Haft Iqlīm fol 306 *Nishtar-i Ishq* fol 836

Contents —

fol 1^b Introduction preceded by three verses the first of which runs thus —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
 ترسبات است بدو رحم

The introduction is divided into the following four sections —

- (1) فصل اول در بی نصرت است
- (2) فصل دوم در الهام است

منرا ، و کعب ، پاهور اوس ، (3)

در رجعت ، (4)

These sections, treating with pure mystical and theosophical points, are interversed with numerous Rubâ'is and illustrated with verses from the Qur'ân and several anecdotes

fol 11^b–283^b Rubâ'is in the alphabetical order.

Beginning.

المة لله كه نافعام خدا

ار حلق رسيدم و سديم رام خدا

Cf Rieu and Sprenger, *loc cit*

The number of Rubâ'is in pure alphabetical order is four thousand and nine hundred

The last Rubâ'î runs thus

در وحد خود او را طل ، ار هر چه كسي

هم ، و ولد و زني و همسر ده كسي

تو كورده خود بر آ ، كن اي تسه

اين كوره تهی كورده ديگر ده كسي

fol 283^b Short mystical Masnawis in the form of anecdotes

Beginning —

در نهانند مس ، حام طمع

كد خود را نهاده حام درع

• Sprenger, *loc cit*, mentions a Masnawî by Sahâbî dedicated to Shâh 'Abbâs I

This splendid copy, containing a very large collection of Sahâbî's Rubâ'is, is neat and correct. It is written in a very beautiful minute Nasta'liq on gold-spinkled paper, and within gold-ruled columns with a decorated double-page 'Unwân and a finely illuminated frontispiece

The colophon is dated Sha'bân, A H 1081

*No 268

fol 266 lines 11 (centre column) 22 (marginal column)
size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

The contents and the arrangements are identically the same as in the preceding copy

Although this copy dated 12th Rabi II A.H 1055 is older than the preceding one precedence has been given to the former on account of its being more correct and beautiful

No 269

fol 116 lines 14-17 size $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان ولی

DÎWÂN-I-WALÎ

The lyrical poems of Walî

Beginning as in Ethc India Office Lib Cat. No 1481 —

ای حرب کعبه صاحب روای حرب
نفس بعلی نو محراب دحای حرب

Maulana Walî of Dasht-i Bayzâli ناصی مولانا ولی د, a place in Qazvin Khurasan at first entered the service of Sultan Ibrahim Mirzâ, poetically known as Jahî the grandson of Shah Isma'il Safawî (A.H 907-930 = A.D. 1501-1523). He rose to distinction during the reign of Shah Tahmasp (A.H 930-984 = A.D. 1523-1576) and often held discourses with Maulana Damirî and other poets of the Sultan's court. Subsequently he went to Khurasan where he was put to death by the order of Sultan Din Muhammad Khan Uzbek son of Janî Beg Sultan on charge of his being a Shi'ah heretic. See Âlam Ârâ' Abbâsî fol 80. Taqî Auhadî a contemporary of Walî says in his Urafat fol. 794^b that in the beginning of the reign of Shah Abbas I he once met the poet in Qazwin and that shortly after he (Walî) was put to death by the order of the above named Sultan Din Muhammad Khan.

The date of the poet's death is given in the Safinah (Ethé, Ind Office Lib Cat, No 1481) in A H 1012 = A D 1603, while Nishāt-i-‘Ishq gives A H 999 = A D 1590

For his Life see Majma‘un-Nafa‘is, fol 522^a, Riyād ush-Shu‘arā, fol 488^a, Makhzan ul-Garā‘ib, fol 959, Natā‘ij ul Afkār, p 411, Majma‘ ul-Fusahā, vol 11, p 50, Yad-i-Baydā, fol 235^b

A copy of Wali's diwān is mentioned in Sprenger, Oude Cat., p. 589, and another in Ethé, Ind Office Lib Cat, No 1481.

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fol 1^b-75^a Qasīdahs and Tarkīb-bands without any order
 fol 75^a Gazals in alphabetical order, beginning as in Ethé, Ind Office Lib Cat 1b —

من ، نوید قر ، در رد سده درگاه را

وس انرها بود دربی ناله حاکمه را

fol 97^a Masnawī, in the metre of Jāmī's Yūsuf Zalikhā. Beginning

ولای ، برورا معمر باها

نگویم سح و قبی نادساها

fol 104^a Rubā‘is Beginning

امی لعی کر اندا اعلم بود

آمد نامی که سرور عالم بود

fol 107^a Another series of Qasīdahs Beginning —

حد ای روح در انام دلارائی من

ناب ، عرب ، امار سود خواری من

fol 115^b A short Masnawī. Beginning

طاف ، محزون حور هم طاق سد

سه او سهره افان سد

The MS bears no date, but on fol 106^b a note, written in Nim Shikastah, is dated, Lahore, A H 1133, and the name of the scribe as given here is محمد ابراهیم بن محمد هاشم السی

Written in an ordinary minute Nasta'liq. The copy is full of corrections throughout and verifications on the margins are frequent.

No 270

fol 83 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

A very modern copy of Walis diwan containing a long Qasidah in the beginning and Gazals and Rubais.

Beginning —

نگاه دو حسی خاک دل رصعش بدن
بغای رسته توالم گلشن ار مورن

fol 6^b Gazals in the alphabetical order beginning as in the preceding copy. This copy contains more Gazals than the above.

fol 80 Rubais beginning as above. Most of the Gazals are incomplete and spaces for them are left blank in many places.

Written in a careless Nasta'liq.

Not dated apparently quite modern.

No 271

fol 69 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ 6×4

دیوان علی بی کمره

THE DÎWÂN OF 'ALÎ NAQÎ OF KAMRAH

Shaykh Ali Naqi of Kamrah (in Iraq) ^{مسح علی بی کمره} was a distinguished poet of his age. For a long time he held poetical contests with Muhtasham Wahshi, Damiri and others. Taqi Anhari in his Urafat fol 774 says that he was an intimate friend of Naqi and that both of them very often held poetical discourses in Isfahan and also in the presence of Shah Abbas I (A.H. 980-1038 = A.D. 1587-1629) and his Wazir Hatim Beg. The same Taqi says that while he was in India he heard of Naqi's death. (Taqi came to India in A.H. 1015).

= A.D. 1606, see his 'Uiafat, fol 10^b) Tâhî Nâsîbâdî (Rieu, p 818) places the poet's death in A.H. 1012 = A.D. 1603, Riyâd-ush Shu'arâ, fol 428^b, in A.H. 1013 = A.D. 1604, Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 91, 514, gives a later date, viz, A.H. 1030 or 1031 = A.D. 1621 or 1622. See also Majma'un-Nafâ'is, vol 11, fol 489^b, Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib, fol. 903^v.

Contents —

Gazals in alphabetical order, beginning on fol 1^b .

ای نام همایون ، هراجه فرماها
چو رشید صفت طالع از مطلع دیوانها

Beginning of the Rubâ'is, likewise in alphabetical order, fol. 62^v —

بر مسددم ارو حونا ، هجرانرا
گفتا مسمی هست ، نگویم آنرا

There are seventy-three Ruba'is in this copy, but some of them have been left incomplete.

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

A modern copy

No. 272.

fol 128, lines 13, size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان نوعی

DÎWÂN-I-NAU'Î.

Maulânâ Muhammad Ridâ (or according to Taqî Auhadî, fol 780^v, Safâ'î) Nau'î, مولانا محمد رضا نوعی, was of Khabûshân, near Mashhad, in Khurâsân Badâ'ûnî, who says that at the time of the composition of his Muntakhab ut-Tawâ'îkh (c. A.H. 1004 = A.D. 1595) Nau'î was living with the youngest prince Dâniyâl, states that the poet claimed his descent from Shaykh Hâjî Muhammad of Khabûshân, but that his doings belied his claims. At an early age Nau'î travelled with his father to Kâshân, where he became the disciple of the celebrated Maulânâ Muhtasham, who invoked an ardent love of poetry in him by

the recitation of his own compositions which helped Nau'ī in acquiring proficiency in the art of prosody. In Nau'ī Mulitasham found a very favourite pupil and an esteemed companion. On leaving Kashan Nau'ī travelled into Khurasan sojourning for a short time at Nishapūr and Abiward he proceeded to Merv where he excited a very keen interest for himself in the heart of Nūr Muhammad Khan the governor of the place. The propensity that they felt for each other was due to their being of the same age (about twenty) and of similar tastes. Nau'ī's friendship with Nūr Muhammad kept them inseparable until the invasion of Merv by Abd Ullāh Khan the ruler of Tūrān when Nūr Muhammad Khan deserting his friend fled to Iraq to seek refuge under Shah Abbas. From Khurasan Nau'ī came out to India where he found a patron in Mirza Yūsuf Khan Mashhadī but shortly after he was admitted to the service of Abd ur Rahim Khan Khanān who together with prince Daniyal was staying at Burhanpūr. Nau'ī's constant association with men of letters improved a great deal his poetical talents which very shortly acquired for him the reputation of a poet of great eminence. His Masnawī the Sāqī Namah secured for him the gift of an elephant and a present of ten thousand rupees from the Khan Khanān. He was also liberally awarded by Prince Daniyal in whose praise the poet composed several poems. The author of the Khazānah Amirah says that Nau'ī's Masnawī entitled Sūz wa Gudāz (the burning and consuming) which the poet dedicated to Prince Daniyal added a further reputation to his name. The poet's Qasidahs and Gazals were collected in the shape of a diwan after his death which took place at Burhanpur in A H 1019 = A D 1610.

For notices on the poet's life see Taqi Auladī al-Badā'iyah fol. 139. Haft Iqlim fol. 231. Onseley Biogr. Notices pp. 161-166. Blochmann's Ain-i-Akbarī p. 606. See also Rieu ii p. 674. Sprenger Oude Cat. p. 516. Eth. Ind. Office Lib. Cat. No. 1885. Ethé Bodl. Lib. Cat. No. 1064. W. Pertsch Berl. p. 696, No. 4 and p. 907. J. Aumer p. 4 etc.

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fol. 1^b-43^b Qasidahs Tarjū bands and Tarkīb bands in praise of Akbar Prince Daniyal Prince Jahangir Abd ur Rahim Khan Khanān.
Beginning —

کونلای - م و لب تسه سر نا یی من
صد - ن کسه درهر گومده صحرای من

fol. 43^b مافی نامہ in praise of the Khan Khanān.
Beginning —

نوی اولس سر معالها
د باد بوسگر شمالها

fol. 58^a-121^a Gazals in alphabetical order
Beginning

سائۀ گل نا بود حال رح نسان ما
سائۀ نام نو نادا سائۀ دیوان ما

fol. 121^b-128^b Rubâ'is
Beginning

نوعی ننو دوائی او سبب
سبب ، منبره رائی او سبب

This copy contains sixty-nine Rubâ'is.

The Masnawî Sûz-wa-Gudâz is wanted in this copy It is printed at the end of the first volume of the Akbar Nâmah, Lucknow, A.H. 1284

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated 26th Rajab, A.H. 1191

Scribe علام حسن سگ، لکھنوی

No. 273.

fol. 70, lines 10, size $10\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, $6\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

رباعیات، مومن حسن

RUBÂ'ÎYÂT-I-MU'MIN HUSAYN

A splendid and a very rare copy of the quatrains of Mullâ Mu'min Husayn, arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning —

(۱) حر حره ، وفا سر برد از جامۀ ما

دورح به بود گرمی ه گامۀ ما

را برسد روالی از برتو روز

کر وام کند مسباهی از نامۀ ما

(۲) روق نل معر حامه ما
محبوبه فعل ر هنگامه ما
کوند که روز حسر مي بسود
انجا نکساند مگر نامه ما

Maulana Mumin Husayn of Yazd ن بردي enjoys a fairly wide reputation as a Ruba'i writer. He was a favourite pupil of Maulana Mirza Jan Shirazi who was a specialist in Maqulit and has left several works which are enumerated in the Haft Iqlim fol. 73^b

Taqi Kishi Sprenger Oude Cat. p. 35 who says that Mumin Husayn was alive in A.H. 1007 = A.D. 1598 remarks that the poet was given to profligacy in his youth but that he subsequently changed the course of his life. Taqi Auhadi in his Urifat fol. 729 says that he enjoyed Mumin's company in Shiraz for a long time and quotes the chronogram ن composed by Husayn Kishi expressing the date 1019 of Mumin's death. The authors of the Rivad ush Shu'ara fol. 39, and Makhzan ul Gharib fol. 769 in quoting the above chronogram reads مولانا instead of ملا and this alteration evidently gives the wrong date A.H. 1016. The author of the Nishtar i Ishq however says that the poet died in A.H. 1010 = A.D. 1601. For the poet's life see also Atash Kadah p. 276 Majma'un Nafais vol. II fol. 456 etc.

This beautiful copy contains 690 Ruba'is mostly of Sufi character. One folio is missing after fol. 37.

Written in a beautiful Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders on gold sprinkled paper with an illuminated frontispiece. The original folios have been placed in new margins.

Not dated apparently 17th century

No. 274.

fol. 63, lines (centre col) 11, (margl col) 22,
size $9 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

سرو و ربن

KHUSRAÛ-WA-SHÎRÎN.

The loves of Khusraû and Shîrîn, in imitation of Nizâmî's poem of the same name

By Mirzâ Ja'far Beg

Beginning

حداودا دلي ده ساد ار اندوه

درو گستايس هم كوه تا كوه

Mirzâ Qiwâm-ud-Dîn Ja'far Beg, known as Asaf Khân III, مرزا قوام الدين, was the son of Mirzâ Badî'-uz-Zamân of Qazwîn, who was the Wazîr of Kâshân during the reign of Shâh Tahmâsp, in whose court Ja'far was also introduced. In A H 985 = A D 1577 Ja'far came to India and was introduced by his uncle, Mirzâ Giryâs-ud-Dîn 'Alî Âsaf Khân Bakhshî, to Akbar's court. The emperor received Ja'far with honour, and after the death of his uncle, which took place in A H 989 = A D 1581, conferred upon him the office of Bakhshîgarî and the title of Âsaf Khân. On Jahângîr's accession Ja'far was appointed اتال, or tutor, to Sultân Parwîz, who had then taken the command against the Rânâ. Ja'far served in various capacities under Akbar and Jahângîr. He entered Akbar's service as a Commander of Twenty, and subsequently became in Jahângîr's time the Commander of Five Thousand. Besides being one of the most eminent of Akbar's generals and an able financier and accountant, Ja'far was a good scholar and a poet of no mean order. The present Masnawî is admitted by the best authorities to rank after Nizâmî's Shîrîn Khusraû. Extracts from his lyrical poems are quoted in the Tadkirahs. He was one of the several distinguished scholars who were engaged in the compilation of the well-known work 'Târikh-i-Alfi, and after the death of Mullâ Ahmad of Tattah Ja'far brought the work down to A H 997 = A D 1588. He died at Buihânpûr in A H 1021 = A D 1612. Ja'far left four sons, all of whom held good

positions under Shah Jahān. His grandson who was also known as Mirzā Ja far was a poet and composed poems under the same takhallus.

In Ethe Bodl Lib Cat No 1068 this poem is called مرهاد و سرین Farhad wa-Shirin. Mr Blochmann in his translation of the Āin i Akbari vol 1 p 412 says that Ja far composed a Masnawī entitled نور نامه, Nur Namah which ranks after Nizāmī's Shirin Khusrāu. I cannot however account for the second title given by Mr Blochmann. The author of the Maasir ul Umara fol 12 distinctly calls the poem Khusrāu Shirin while in the epilogue Ja far himself gives the same title to the poem e g —

ردل دمع هم درین نمودم
هومس تر خسرو و سرین نمودم

Agun—

دندم حمله را از بس و از بس
ندارد خسرو و سرین حومس کس

From some of his verses in the epilogue it would appear that Ja far had intended to produce a Khamsah but that he contented himself with the Khusrāu Shirin —

بناظر داسم در کامرانی
که گویم و نه رانسانکه دانی

In the same epilogue the poet says that the number of verses in this poem is 2673 —

سپارست مرصع حسن آمد
دو غن و حا و حسم و حسن آمد

The date of composition A H 1019 = A D 1610 is given in the following concluding line —

سدم در مسوی دنبال تاریخ
هرار و نورده سد سال تاریخ

A detailed account of Ja far's career is given by Mr Blochmann in his Āin i Akbari pp 411 and 512 see also Maasir ul Umara foll 10^b—12^b Majma un Nafais fol 107^b Taqi Ahadī fol 116 Sprenger Onde Cat p 110 Rieu 1 p 118 ii pp 674 779 etc Copies of this poem are mentioned in Ethe Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1068—1071

fol 3 and the last nine folios are supplied in a modern hand

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On the top corner of fol 1^a we find the name مَلّا محمد حسن, Mullâ Muhammad Husayn, to which the word کشمیری, Kashmîrî, is added in a later hand

مَلّا محمد حسن کشمیری, Mullâ Muhammad Husayn of Kashmîr, the best Kâtib of Akbar's court, was a pupil of Maylânâ 'Abdul 'Azîz, whom Muhammad Husayn is said to have surpassed in the art of calligraphy. He was specially well versed in Nasta'liq writing, and the majority of the Kâtibs consider him equal to the celebrated Mullâ Mir 'Alî of Herât (d. A. H. 924 = A. D. 1518), who brought the art of Nasta'liq writing to perfection. Akbar gave him the title of Zarrîn Raqam, and for some time appointed him tutor to the princes. He died, according to the author of the Mir'ât-ul-Âlam, in A. H. 1020 = A. D. 1611. See also Blochmann's *Â'in-i-Akbarî*, pp. 102, 103.

The MS. is in a damaged condition.

No. 275.

fol 58, lines 13, size $11\frac{3}{4} \times 8$, $8\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$

The same.

Another copy of Ja'far's *Khusiaû-wa-Shîîn*
Beginning as above

حداودا دلی ده ساد ار اندوه الح

This copy is defective, and on comparing it with the preceding copy about 1,250 verses are found to be wanting at the end.

It breaks off with the following line —

برحم خویش تقدیری نکردم
ولی اعرود اربی اندیشه کردم

Written in a fair Nasta'liq
Not dated; apparently very modern

No 276

foll 262 lines 19 size 11 x 5½ 8 x 3½

دیوان نازری

DÎWÂN-I-NAZÎRÎ

The lyrical poems of Maulana Nazîrî

Maulana Muhammad Husayn poetically called Nazîrî مولانا محمد نازری was a native of Nîshapûr. The author of the *Atîsh Kadah* alone says that according to some the poet was originally from Juwayn جوین but as he is better known as Nîshapûrî the said author places him under Nîshapûr. In his early youth Nazîrî went to Kâhân where he distinguished himself by holding poetical contests with other poets. During the reign of the Emperor Akbar he came to India and attached himself to the *Khân Khânân* Abd ur Rahîm Khân who was an ardent admirer of poetry. Amin Râzi says that while he was engaged in composing his *Hîft* Iqlîm Nazîrî was contemplating a pilgrimage to Makkah which he carried out according to later biographers in A.H. 1012 = A.D. 1603. On his return from the pilgrimage he went to Gujarat and then settled in Ahmadâbad where he died. Nazîrî's brother Maulana Sharaf of Nîshapur a distinguished musician was also in the service of the *Khân Khânân*. See Blochmann p 613 note 3.

Among the later poets Nazîrî occupies a prominent position and enjoys an excellent reputation. The celebrated Saib (d. A.H. 1088 = A.D. 1677) who is admitted on all hands to have been the greatest of the modern Persian poets in the following verse of his quoted by Dağistanî thinks himself incapable of equalling Nazîrî whom he remarks even Urfa could not approach —

صاب چه حیاا سوی همجو نظری

عربی به نظری نرساند سخن را

Badâ'unî p 310 however compares Nazîrî with Shikobî a poet of less distinction who at that time like Nazîrî was in the group of the poets under the *Khân Khânân* and quotes a Qasidah which Nazîrî is said to have composed in imitation of a Qasidah of the celebrated Nizâmî of Ganjah. The emperor Jahangîr in his *Tuzuk* p 91 after highly

commending the poetical genius of Nazîî, says that the poet, who was then carrying on some trade in Gujarât, came to him (in the fifth year of his reign) and presented a Qasidah, which the poet had composed in imitation of a Qasidah of Anwarî, and that in consideration of the poem the emperor rewarded the poet with one thousand rupees, a horse and a Khil'at or robe of honour

نازی نساوری که در من شعر و ساحری ار مردم قرار داده
بود و در گجرات ، تعاون بجای ، سرمی بود مثل اربین طلعه بودم
دریولا آمده ملازم ، کرد تشبده ابوری را که
نار این چه جوانی و جمال است بهمان را
آسج نموده تشبده بجای ، من گفته بود گذراند هزار روزه و
انسی و خلعت سلطه این تشبده بدو مرهم ، نمودم

The author of the Maâsir-i-Rahimî says that Nazîî was a skilful goldsmith

After his return from the pilgrimage to Mecca, Nazîî adopted the religious life, and spent the greater part of his income in supporting friends, helping the poor, and in other charitable purposes

Taqî Auhadî, the author of the well-known work called the 'Urafât, who came to Ahmadâbâd in A H 1016 = A D 1607, says that he constantly visited Nazîî in that town, and gives the following chronogram of the poet's death in A H 1021 = A D. 1612 —

مرکز دایره نرم کجا است ،

Another chronogram,

و دنیا رفت حسن العجم آه

giving the same year, is quoted in the Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib and other Tadkrihs, and is said to have been composed by Mîr Fâ'id, the son-in-law of Nazîî. The author of the Khazâna-i-Âmiriyyah also gives the date of the poet's death in A H 1021. The date A H 1022 = A D 1613, given in Blochmann's Â'in-i-Akbarî, p 580, as well as in several Tadkrihs, arises from the incorrect reading of the chronogram as —

ار دنیا رفت حسن العجم آه †

* This is another way of saying that he ranks in Persian poetry with Hasân bin Tibit, who is commonly known as Hasân-ul-'Arab

† That is, ار for ر at the beginning

Other incorrect dates of the poet's death, viz. A H 1019 = A D 1610 and A H 1023 = A D 1614 are found in the *Tabraqat* i *Shahjahani* and *Safinah* (Ethic Bodl Lib Cat col 229) respectively. The author of the *Hamishah Bahar* (Sprenger Oude Cat p 130) assigns the poet's death quite wrongly to the beginning of Shahjahan's reign.

For notices on the poet's life see *Hift Iqlim* fol 22^b *Taqi Ahad* fol 769 *Mahir* i *Rahimi* fol 54 *Badauni* vol iii p 375 *Makhzan ul Garib* *Nihari* *Ishq* *Ata* *Kadah* p 146 *Majma un Afsas* etc etc. Copies of Naziri's diwan are described in Sprenger Oude Cat pp 515 and 516 *Rien* ii pp 817 and 818 *W. Pertsch* Berlin Cat p 701 No 37 and p 108 *Ethic Bodl Lib Cat* No 107^a *The India Office Lib Cat* Nos 1489-1492 *Ouseley Biogr Notices* p 252.

Contents of the diwan —

Fol 1^b-102 *Qasidas* *Tarkib bands* *Tari* *bands* *Qitahs* and elegies. Most of the *Qasidas* are in praise of the poet's patron the *Khan* *Khanan* *Abd ur Rahim Khan* and some are addressed to the emperor *Akbar* and prince *Jahangir*. The last one is in praise of *Abd Ullah Khan* of *Gujarat*. The elegies are on the death of the poet's children and of contemporary poets. The headings showing for whom and on what occasion the several pieces were written are rubricated.

Beginning of the first *Qasidah* —

ای حالل حلوب از اغمار تنها ساحه
حکمت نوار کرم دی کار فردا ساحه

fol 102^b-250^b *Gazals* arranged in alphabetical order. Beginning as in *Ethic India Office Lib Cat* and *Rien*.

ادا ما ان نصی حوہ حلوہ المصا
برسوانی بر آور سرر مسوری نرون نه نا

fol 251-262 *Rubais*
Beginning —

ار درمب مباد اندر رگت و نومب
کان می بردت بحالب کعبه دومب

Written in ordinary clear *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured ruled borders with two illuminated front pieces.

Some seals and signatures on the fly-leaf at the beginning bear the dates A H 1065, A H 1096, etc

For another copy of Nazîi's Diwan *see* under No 284

No 277

fol 273, lines 16, size $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

The same

Another copy of Nazîi's diwân, containing Qasîdahs, Tarkîb-bands, Taijî'-bands, Gazals and Rubâ'is

fol 1^b Qasidahs

Beginning —

او بهرامس خوشل ما همه ویران هو
هرچه ر ما سد حرا ، رفت بولان او

Corresponding to the Qasîdah on fol 34^b in the preceding copy

fol 107^b Gazals

Beginning as in the preceding copy

ادا ما سب ، ان بکسی نه حلوه المحبا الح

fol 266^b Rubâ'is

Beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No. 1491

ای از نو دور نگار هر جا کوری
دید ، از تو دهد بعارف ، هر عوری

Corresponding to the fifth Rubâ'î in the preceding copy

Written in a good clear Nasta'liq, within gold and coloured ruled borders, with a faded double-pagé 'unwân and a frontispiece in the beginning

The original folios have been placed in new margins

Not dated, apparently 17th century

On fol 106^a the name of the scribe runs thus —

میر احمد ربه ، ملی کاد ،

No 278

foli 123 lines 16 size $12 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

قصائد نازری

QÂṢA'ID-I-NAZÎRÎ

This copy contains the 6 Qaridāhs Tarjīs and tarkīb-lands of Nazirī which are found on foli 1^b-102 of Copy No 246 and probably agree with Section 1 of Rien's copy (loc cit)

Beginning as in Copy No 276 —

ای حاکم ملوک از اخبار کتبها ماسه الح

Written in ordinary Nasta'iq within coloured rule 11 borders
Dated 10th Sifār A.H. 1000

No 279

foli 220 lines 14 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$

دیوان شانی

DÎWÂN-I-SHÂNÎ

The original name of Maulanâ Shânî according to the majority of authorities was ناصف آقا, Nasaf Âqâ but laqī kâhî (see Sprenger Oude Lat p 42) followed by the author of the Suhuf-i-Ibrâhim says that the poet's original name was ملا نفیس الدین, Mulla Nafis ud Din. He was born in Tihiran and belonged to the Turkish tribe of Taklâ and is therefore better known as شانی تکلوی Shânî Faklû. In his early youth Shânî established his reputation as a poet of great eminence and soon found a great patron in Shâh Allas Safawî of Persia (A.H. 996-1038 = A.D. 1587-1628). He stood in high favour with the Shâh and it is related in the Âlam Ârû'î Abhâsî that Shânî

once composed a Qasîdih in praise of 'Alî, and recited the poem before the Shâh. When Shânî read out the following verse of the poem—

اگر ندشمن کسد ماسحر وگر دوست
بطاق ابروی مردانه اوست

the king felt a thrilling sensation of joy, and at once ordered the poet to be rewarded in gold to his own weight. The author of the 'Âlam Âlâ-i-'Abbâsî places this incident in the ninth year of the Shâh's reign (A H 1004-5 = A D 1595-6), while Taqî Auhadî says that it was in A H 1001 = A D 1592 that Shânî was thus rewarded by the emperor at Qazwîn. Maulânâ Lutfî, a poet of the Shâh's court, composed the following beautiful Rubâ'î on that occasion —

ساحا ر کرم بهان مسور کردی
ملک دل حالې مسحر کردی
ساحر که بکاک ره برادر سده بود
برداشتی و نزر برادر کردی

This exceptionally handsome reward from the Shâh created a great sensation among the poets of the Shâh's court, who were filled with jealousy of the fortunate Shânî. Auhadî states that when Mîr 'Arab of Mashhad asked the emperor the reason for so heavily rewarding an ordinary poet like Shânî, and particularly for such a common verse, the Shâh replied that his object in rewarding the poet was simply to please the Amîr-ul-Umarâ Faîhâd Khân, who was an ardent admirer of Shânî, and for whom the Shâh had a great regard. The same Auhadî further states that shortly after this incident Shânî addressed a Qit'ah to the Shâh, in which the poet asked for some grain which was very dear at that time. This was looked upon as a narrow-mindedness of the poet, and the Shâh, who was a little offended, left the poet at Qazwîn, and, taking with him the said Taqî Auhadî, went to Isfahân, where our learned biographer continued to enjoy the warm favour of the Shâh. Shânî spent the last days of his life at Qazwîn on a stipend from the Shâh, and died there in A H 1023 = A D 1614 at the age of seventy. This date of the poet's death is expressed by the chronogram

ناده سده سمن

Shânî was a pious man, and, according to Taqî Kâshî (Oude Cat) and the author of the Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, performed a pilgrimage to Makkah in A H 1002 = A D 1593. The author of the Khazânah-i-'Âmiriâh

says that Shani's son ملا حسن, Mullā Hāsar, who adopted the poetical title of نای, Sanī came to India where he died in his youth in A H 1067 = A D 1656 a date which is expressed by Muhammad Ali Mahir in the chronogram

، ۹ ر نای ناکراده مایی

Although Shani enjoys a fair share of reputation among the better known poets of Persia most of his biographers do not attach much value to his poetical compositions and remark that his popularity is mainly due to the reward which he received from Shah Abbas

A complete diwan of Shani in imitation of Figini is noticed in the following number and the author of the Majma un Nafis also says that he possessed a copy of Shani's diwan in imitation of the Gazals of Baba Tighani

For notices on the poet's life see Taqi Auhadi fol 368^b Ālam Ara Abbasi fol 71 Nishtar Ishq fol 942 Majma un Nafis vol 1 fol 235 Suhuf Ibrahim fol 444 Ātash Kadah p 26 Khazānah Āmirah fol 201 Khulasat ul Afkar fol 9, Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 200^b See also Sprenger Oude Cat pp 42 112 and 564 Three copies of the poet's diwan are noticed in Hieu n p 676

Contents of the diwan —

fol 1^b Qasidas in praise of the Imams Shah Abbas and some nobles of his court

Beginning as in Rieu p 646 —

ای ر مودانت مر رلب انار انداده
کردن مصود را در دام نار انداده

fol 101-106^b Some Gazals without any order intermixed with Qit'as some of which are satirical

Beginning of the Gazal —

آن آنسم که سره نکردم ر دود حوس
نالد معله ناسه ام بر وجود حوس

There seems to be a lacuna of a few leaves after fol 106^b

fol 107 Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

ببرمد لب نسه ل مل مرا
اگرچه حصر بود هادی معیل مرا

fol 215^a Rubâ'is

Beginning

دارم ر مرقا تو ماله‌ی که مرمس
 ور ریشن خود انفعالی که مرمس
 در گلشن هجران تو ای گلشن نار
 دورار تو بسینه ام بحالی که مرمس

This copy contains forty Rubâ'is in all

Written in a clear Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled and coloured borders
 The original folios are placed in new margins

Dated Jumâdâ I, 1043

No. 280.

fol 242, lines 16, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another copy of Shâni's diwân The Gazals in this copy are in
 imitation of Figânîfol 1^b Gazals arranged in alphabetical orderBeginning as in Rieu, p 676^b

ای نادای آمد نورمرمه حمل و رای را
 از تو حلاوت ، مکن طمع عزل مرای را
 حوصله کو که کسجدس رتبه رایب رحه ،
 گره تو در یار بھی حام بهان نهای را
 جسم مباد مسم ، تو داد نداد هستم
 نس که مباد مکنی برگس مرمه مای را

fol 191^a Fards or single verses

Beginning, —

ای مدحمان مرده شما را که اریں شهر
 ز بیم که حای شما، شک نامد

fol 192 Qit'ahs

Beginning —

ترم وصال تو طرفه ای بی است
گر نگذاری که خبر دراند

fol 193 Rubais

Beginning —

رک ۵۱ که اسم نگ
الکعبه فیه که اسم سیسم
فرمان صرب سوم که ترا حرمی د
اینها همه فرموده جسم منه ا

fol 194-195 blank

fol 195^b Qasidahs

Beginning —

ر عکس ناده رحب وصال لاله راورنده
صای ~ گلس یکی هراورنده
مگر نوید وصال تو میدهد ایسام
که ماه و عهد هم آغوش و همکارنده

fol 236^b Iarkib bands

Beginning —

م ۲ م آواره از حوس گدا
دنباله در فاعله نس گنسه

The Qasidah for which Shani was rewarded in gold to his own weight by Shah Abbas is not found in any copy of the poet's diwan here

fol 24^b 43^b 59^b 75^b 91^b, 104^b 123^b 139^b 155^b 171^b and 186^b contain beautiful Indian illustrations

Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders with an ordinary double page unwan and a fairly decorated frontispiece

Not dated apparently 17th century

No. 281.

fol 154, lines 12, size $7\frac{1}{4} \times 5$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

دبوان ترابی

DÎWÂN-I-TURÂBÎ.

Several poets of this name are noted by the biographers, but the verses quoted under them are not found in this copy. The following facts can, however, be gathered from his own writings

That he flourished during the reign of Akbar can be ascertained from the numerous Qasîdahs in praise of that emperor, and from several contemporary events, the dates of which range from A H 991-1004 = A D 1585-1595. From a Qit'ah on fol 147^b it would appear that the poet was a native of Herât, which he left in A H 991 = A D 1583, for which he gives the chronogram—

حاج محمد رهراه

Taqî Auhadî, fol 164^a, notices one Turâbî thus

سر تراپی سر سر محمد مشهد بست در آمدن هند ناهم
 زن بودیم وی از لوهور بدکهن رف ، سرد عم روپس سر
 محمد زمان بس هند حاند بی بی را گزینة خواست که مشهد
 رساند اتفاقا ناگه رسید گرمسار گردید مدتی در قلعه مخصوص
 بود و چون از قید جهانگیری خلاص شد مسوخته عراق شد نار
 برگردید در مدو دیدمس نار عراق ره ، و الحال هم انجاست
 انا و احداد و احوان ایسان همه سکار ، معاش کردندی

but the said author quotes only one verse of the poet, which, however, is not found in this dîwân

Contents

Gazals in alphabetical order. The first, in imitation of Hâfiz, begins thus on fol 1^b.—

رهی مهر بهالت دمع جان افروز محفلها
 مسوار بهالت ، کج محفل ، خانه دلها

The Gazals end on fol 96 with the following note —

— سد و چهل و يك غزل است الح

fol 96^b Qasidas and Larkib bands in alphabetical order in praise of Akbar Hakim Humam and several distinguished persons of Akbar's time

The first in praise of the prophet begins thus —

ر غمره تو جگويد کسی که سر نا نا
تمام ناري و نازک تمام حسن حنا

fol 129^b ماضي نامه

Beginning —

دلا تا يكي نارسانى كسم
ر رهد ربا خود نماني كسم

fol 140 Qitabs relating to the dates of several contemporary events —

مرسد کامل محمد طاهر آنکه
مدود الانوار و الاحبار بود

fol 148 Rubais

Beginning —

اي داب تو برتر ر گمان و در حال
در وصف تو عقل و فهم را ناطقه لال
هرگز نبود نور تو بغیر بدر
يعني که مرهبي ر نقصان و زوال

fol 152 Fards

Beginning —

نریخت خون آن مسکدل حو ممداد الح

Some Gazals and Rubais are written on the margins
Written in ordinary Nasta liq
Not dated apparently 12th century

No. 282.

foll 200, lines 14, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, 6×3

سبع ساره

SAB' SAYYÂRAH ;

OR,

THE SEVEN PLANETS.

The seven Masnawîs of Maulânâ Zulâlî of Khânsâr

According to Rieu, p 677, Maulânâ Zulâlî of Khânsâr, in 'Irâq, flourished under Shâh 'Abbâs, and was a panegyrist to Muhammad Bâqai Dâmâd, the influential Sayyid. He died in A.H. 1024 = A.D. 1615, the year in which he finished his best known Masnawî, محمود و ايار, or in A.H. 1025 = A.D. 1616. See Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 1494, Ethé, Bodl, 1081 (where, besides the seven, one more Masnawî of the poet is mentioned), Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 592 and 593, etc, etc

Beginning with the preface

تقدیر قدر ، و تویر صعب صانعی و قادری را مقدر و مقرر

است

In this preface Zulâlî enumerates his seven Masnawîs after comparing them with the seven planets

Zulâlî is said to have left his works unarranged, and that Shaykh 'Abd-ul-Husayn of Kamrah put them in order. Mullâ Tuğrâ of Mashhad wrote a preface to Zulâlî's poems

The هفت آمو ، هفت ساره is also known as سبع ساره ، or آمو ، نامه

The seven Masnawîs are arranged in this copy as follows.

I

محمود و ايار

The story of Sultân Mahmûd and his slave Ayâz
Beginning —

بسم انکه محمودس ايار امه ،
منس نگاه نار و سار امه ،

This *Mashnaw* was commenced in A H 1001 = A D 1592 and finished
in A H 1024 = A D 1616

See the chronograms in Lieut and Sprenger

It was edited in Lucknow A H 1290

II

معله دندار

A mystical *Mashnaw* divided into forty nine معله or flames
Beginning on fol 128^b —

نام (ار) تاج سر هر نام
معله دندار هر هیکامه

III

حسن گلو سوز

In forty one حلوه

Beginning on fol 139^b as in *The Bodl Cat* No 1081 —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
تر سهاست بدو رحيم

IV

آدرو ، در

Beginning on fol 155^b —

نامس = * و حسن دفتر
آئس مائه کو مسندر

V

مخانه

In forty ملح or cups

Beginning on fol 161^b —

نام او ناده مسه مخانه
دختر هر که هست مساه

No. 282.

foll 200, lines 14; size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, 6×3

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Beginning with the preface

تقدیر قدر ، و تہویر صحت صانعی و قادری را مفرد و مہرور

است

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The seven Masnawîs are arranged in this copy as follows

I.

محمود و ايار

The story of Sultân Mahmûd and his slave Ayâz
Beginning —

نام آنکہ محمودس ايار است ،

حسن سگاہ ناز و سار است ،

This Masnawī was commenced in A H 1001 = A D 1592 and finished
in A H 1024 = A D 1616

See the chronograms in Rieu and Sprenger

It was edited in Lucknow A H 1290

II

سعله دندار

A mystical Masnawī divided into forty nine سعله or flames
Beginning on fol 128^b —

نام (او) تاج سر هر نامه
سعله دندار هر هنگامه

III

حسن گلوسور

In forty one حلوه

Beginning on fol 139^b as in Ethic Bodl Cat No 1081 —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
تر سها بدو رحيم

IV

آدر و مسندر

Beginning on fol 150^b —

نامس = * و حسن دسر
آنس ما کو مسندر

V

مخانه

In forty ملح or cups

Beginning on fol 161^b —

نام او ناده ه مخانه
دهن هر که ه ه سمانه

VI

دره و هورسند

Beginning on fol 188^b as in Ethé, Bodl Cat, No 1081 --

نام او کرد مرا سعله مرور
ننوان گف تأس که مسور

VII

ملبدان نامه

Beginning on fol 193^b —

سام جهانگیر دلهای نیک
که آمد ملبدان یك مور لیک

“ Written in a clear Nasta’liq, within coloured borders Spaces for headings are left blank throughout

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No. 283.

fol 84, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ —

دبوان وصلي

DÎWÂN-I-WAŞLÎ.

The poems of Muhammad Tâhir Waslî Khwâjah Muhammad Tâhir, حواجه محمد طاهر المنخلص له وصلى بن حواجه محمد سريه, poetically called Waslî, was the eldest son of the eminent poet Khwâjah Muhammad Sharîf Hujî of Ray (see vol II, No 243) and the brother of the celebrated Khwâjah Ġiyâs Beg I’timâd-ud-Daulah (d A H 1031 = A D 1622), the father of the famous Nû Jahân Begam, and the distinguished Wazîr of the Emperor Jahângîr. Waslî’s cousin Amin Râzî, the author of the well-known work Haft Iqlim,

speaks of the poet in the present tense and mentions him as a specialist of his time in *علم ساق* or arithmetic. The date of Wash's death is not given anywhere but Taqi Auhadi who came to India in A.H. 1015 = A.D. 1606 and compiled his famous work the *Urfat* under the Emperor Jahangir between A.H. 1022 and 1024 = A.D. 1618 and 1619 says that while writing the said work Wash and his son Muhammad Sadiq were lying in Lahore.

For notices on the poet's life see Taqi Auhadi fol 792 *Haft Iqlim* fol 297^b *I'ya'd u'l Shu'ara* fol 458 *Majma'un Nafais* vol II fol 502 *Nishtar-i Jshq* fol 1961 etc.

See also *Lib. India Lib. Office Cat.* No 1493 where a copy of the poet's diwan is noticed.

Contents of the diwan —

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

خوسوف و خندان نگدوان خوسوف و خندان صبح را
سازد که تا صبح دگر در پامت نوان صبح را

A few *Fards* and *Rubais* are intermixed with the *Gazals*

fol 23-30 *Tarji bands*

Beginning —

سبب دلا که صد بدي
افکنده بحوا ، کمدي

The burden runs thus —

م و خوس م و خوس
نه نسائم از آب دنده خوس

fol 30^b Another series of *Rubais*

Beginning —

اد مدم که و نارس ناراست
تا لاله و مسره خارصن را کاراست

fol 3['] A *Masnawi* styled *گنجہ* ، *در* on the game of cards

Beginning —

در بدست ورز خواهد نوح
چون کدائي نوح خود مصاح

fol. 35^a—40^a Qasidahs in praise of Akbar and Jahāngir
Beginning of the first Qasidah —

برديك مند دلا كه سر آند رمان م

دهد بروزگار دگر كس نسان م

fol. 40^a 42^a Five Qit'ahs, five Rubû'is, and one Fard,
Beginning of the Qit'ah —

كامگار اقسام لاه ، يكي

حاد ، هواهم بار نگار

fol. 42^a—84^a Another Masnawî, entitled *حسن و شيرين*, the romantic
love-story of Khusiâû and Shirin

Beginning

الهي شيوه طالع دلا كى

سور بود دلم را آسا كى

The Masnawî is left incomplete and the words *تمام شد* are falsely
added at the end by a later hand

Written in a clear Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 17th century

No. 284

fol. 642, lines 27, size 13 × 6¼, 10¼ × 3¼

كلداد، ناهوري

KULLIYÂT-I-ZUHÛRÎ.

The complete prose and poetical works of Maulânâ Nûr-ud-Dîn
Muhammad with the poetical title of Zuhûrî, مولانا نور الدين محمد.
The author of the *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâr* calls the poet Mir Muhammad Tâhir Zuhûrî, مير محمد طاهر ناهوري.
According to the author of the *Maâsir-i-Rahîmî*, supported by several
others, Zuhûrî was born in Turshîz, Khurâsân, while the author

of the *Mirat ul Alam* calls him a native of *Tihiran*. According to his contemporary biographers, *Faqi Kāhū* and the author of the *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* /Zuhuri proceeded from his native place to *Yazd* at an early age where as stated in the *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* he lived for some time with *Mawlana Wahid Bafiqi* and had *Mir (Wasud Din) Muhammad* as his companion. The same book also mentions that from *Yazd* /Zuhuri went to *Shiraz* where he stayed for seven years and became an intimate friend of *Mawlana Darwish Husayn* who was very exceptionally versed in history, poetry, riddles and calligraphy. *Faqi Auhadi*, another contemporary biographer of /Zuhuri corroborates *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* in its avowal of the movement of the poet to *Shiraz* and states that there he devoted himself to studies —

مدتی در سراز بود و کمال علوم و رسوم تمام مسود

It is an established fact that /Zuhuri came out to *India* in A.H. 988 = A.D. 1580 and on reaching the Deccan settled down in *Bijapur* where he formed several acquaintances and in due course became an intimate friend of the eminent poet *Malik Qummi* whose daughter he married. Like *Malik Qummi* /Zuhuri was in warm favour with *Imabhin Adil Shah II* (A.H. 988-1034 = A.D. 1580-1608) and they were conjointly rewarded by *Adil Shah* for the eulogiums they composed in praise of the king and for the works they dedicated to him. *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* says that the sum conferred upon /Zuhuri by the king for composing the work *Gulzar-i Ibrahim* amounted to Rs 10,000 while the author of the *Alam Ara-i Alasi* says that both /Zuhuri and *Malik Qummi* were munificently rewarded by *Adil Shah* for composing the work *Kitāb-i Nauras*. Besides being a poet of great distinction /Zuhuri was a master prose writer and an adept in the art of calligraphy of which *Arzā* makes mention in his *Mayma-un-Nafis* stating that /Zuhuri made repeated copies of the *Rudat-un-Nafis* which fetched high prices for him from the purchasers—a fact which is also narrated by the author of the *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* who admirably praises /Zuhuri's *Shil'istali* hand.

The celebrated *Laydi* who was a senior contemporary of /Zuhuri held poetical discourses with the poet and greatly admired his ingenuity. *Faqi Auhadi* says that towards the end of A.H. 1020 = A.D. 1611 when he was in *Gujarat* both /Zuhuri and *Malik Qummi* sent their poetical compositions to *Nizari Nishapuri* (noticed above) who composed poems in answer to their poetical compositions. It is admitted on all hands that few poets could equal /Zuhuri in the construction of *Ma'nawi* poems and ornate prose.

According to most biographers such as the authors of the *Ma'asir-i Rahimi*, *Khulasat ul Afkār*, *Yad-i Bayda*, *Nishtar-i Ishaq*, *Nut'at ul Aflak* etc. /Zuhuri died in A.H. 1025 = A.D. 1616 according to *Ma'asir-i Rahimi* at *Bijapur* two months after the death of *Malik Qummi*. The

author of the *Mu'ât-ul-Âlam* stands alone in placing the poet's death in A H 1024 = A D 1615

For notices on the poet's life see ^c *Taqi Kâshî* (Oude Cat, p 44), ^c *Taqi Auhadî*, fol 434^b, *Ma'âsir-i-Rahimî*, foll 84^c-90, *Badâ'unî*, vol III, p 281, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol II, fol 298^a, *Khazânah-i-Âmirah*, fol 235^a, *Mu'ât-ul-Khayâl*, p 117, *Nishtar-i-Ishq*, fol 1119, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 246^b, *Khulâsat-ul-Afkâi*, fol 105^b, *Mu'ât-ul-Âlam*, fol 449^a, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib*, fol 513, *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâi*, p 227, *Sarkhwush*, *Yad-i-Baydâ*, fol 140^a, *Âtash Kadâh*, p 97 See also Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 112, 125, 151 and 580 Copies of his works are mentioned in Rieu, II, pp 678 and 679, 741 and 742, etc, Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, Nos 1076-1080, Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, Nos 1500-1514, Rosen, Pers MSS, p 264, W Pertsch, Berlin Cat, pp 909, 910, etc A notice of the poet and some of his works under the *Muqaddamât-i-Zuhûrî*, *مقدمه*, written by 'Abdur Razzâq Sûratî in A H 1212 = A D 1797, has been lithographed in Cawnpore, 1873

Contents —

I

Zuhûrî's preface to *Khawân-i-Khalîl*, *خوان خليل*

Beginning on fol 1^a

ای از نو بر اهل تحب و اکلیل مسل
گر دگر حمل ام ، وگر قدر خليل
نطق از نو نه همایی ارباب ، حرد
اندازنه خوان از سخن خوان خليل

It concludes with the following verse —

نا ازین مهیاں سرا خوان خليل آید باد
سربان خلق ابراهیم عادل ساه ناد

This and the following two prefaces were dedicated to Ibrâhîm 'Adil Shâh II

II

Preface to the *Gulzâr-i-Ibrâhîm*, *گلزار ابراهیم*

Beginning on fol 12^a —

پ
Acco
others,
حریمی من سخن بطراوی ، حمد بهار سرائیس ، که گلزار ابراه
در رحسارۂ نومه ، طلعان الم

Compare India Office Lib Cat No 1500 4 where طلعتان is wrongly substituted by طالقان

It concludes with the line —

داسان مدد حم نسان رحس
حرب کلرار ابراهیم ناد

III

Preface to Nauras ناورس, a treatise on Indian music composed by Ibrahim Âdil Shah himself but according to Âlam Âlî Abbâsî the Kitâb i Nauras was jointly composed by Zuhurî and Malik Qâmmî

Beginning on fol 1, —

سرود مرانان حسرتکده فال که سورس مرانسان حال کار کام و
رمان صاحبه اند الح

It concludes thus —

نار اصالت بصد ملک وکنس حب ناد
نار حب حسرت ناد ار ؟ ن در امان
هم ناهلک اصولس بعه قانون دهد
هم بومق مدحاس رسم قانون رمان

The above prefaces are in ornate prose mixed with verses They are all in homage of Ibrahim Âdil Shah and describes his character valour benevolence knowledge and the splendours of his court These works of Zuhurî are very popular in India and have been printed under the title سر طهوری in Lucknow 1846 and in Cawnpore A H 1269 and in 1873 English translation Calcutta 188, Special copies are mentioned in Etbe Bodl Lib Cat Nos 10,6 1080 and 1241 33 36 and 3, Etbe Ind Office Lib Cat Nos 1511 and 1512 W Pertsch Berl Cat pp 10 33 and 1006

IV

سج رفعه or رفعات The five love letters of Zuhurî also called نسیم سیدنا

Beginning on fol 1, b —

بمهد م دلب حسوه حولها الح

Edited with commentaries, Cawnpore, A H 1280

Special copies are mentioned in Rieu, II, p 742, Ethé, Bodl Lib. Cat, No 1080, 4, W Pertsch, Berl Cat, p 1007, No 3

V.

Minâ Bâzâr, *مسا بازار* A description of the Bâzâr, called Minâ Bâzâr, built by Ibrâhîm 'Âdil Shâh in Bijâpûr. This work of Zuhûrî is also very popular, and has been frequently published in India. This portion contains illustrations in the Indian style representing the vendors, etc, of the Bâzâr. They are found on fol 32^a, 33^b, 34^b, 35^b, 36^b, 37^b, 38^b, 40^a and 41^a
fol 42^b-43^a blank.

VI

Tarkib-bands, Tarjî-bands and Qasîdahs intermixed.
Beginning on fol 43^b

ای نام تو بر سر رنایها
وی یاد تو در میان جانها

See also Ethé, Bodl Lib. Cat, No 1076, and Ethé, India Office Lib. Cat, No. 1501

Marâsî or elegies in the form of Tarkib-bands.
Beginning on fol 246^a —

ایام ماتم است ، بماتم سرا بسن
رور حدائی آمده از حود جدا بسن

Qit'ahs

Beginning on fol. 269^b —

بصد الله از نص صا - فزان
معاذ ، قرین کس ، کار دکن

Satirical Rubâ'is

Beginning on fol 273^a

ای حواحه نلای زن و فرود نلایست
هم تو م م هم خردمند نلایست

Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning on fol 275^b

اینکه خواهد دانست فردا ز منس دیوان ما
گسده و صفس آما ، مطلع دیوان ما

Acco
others,

A very large collection of Ruba is comprising foll 478^b-550
Beginning —

ای از بوهمه نهان و نداندا
در مدح بوهمه فردا فردا
در حراب ما مسن مصولم مصول
در در خود نگر خدای بوحدا

fol 506 blank

VII

Saqi Namah ماسی نامه The well known Masnawī of Zuhurī
which he wrote in praise of Būḥan Nizām Shah II (A.H. 999-1037 =
A.D. 1590-1628) and the court of Ahmadnagar

Beginning on fol 556^b —

ساقا همه اند ناک را
برنده طارم ناک را

Towards the end on fol 641 the poem is said to consist of 4000
distichs —

چهارالب اول ملم داد سان
سقرت امروند نالصد بران

The Saqi Namah has been lithographed in Lucknow 1849 Special
copies of the poems are mentioned in Ethé Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1078
and 1079 and col 766 Rien in pp 678 and 679 Ethé Ind Office Lib
Cat Nos 1506-1508 W Peitsch Berlin Cat pp 64 and 697

II — Diwan — On the margins of this copy extending foll 43^b-293ⁱ
the complete poetical works of Nazirī Nishapurī (cf No 276) consisting
of Qasidahs Gazals Taḥkīb bands Tārjī bands Qit'ahs and Ruba is are
written in a clear Nasta'liq

Beginning of Nazirī's diwan —

ای جلالت خلوت از اخبار بها مباحه
حکمت نوار کرم دی کار فردا مباحه

The colophon of Nazirī's Kulliyat (fol 293^b) says that it was
written by one Hasan Alī al Husaynī at the request of his brother
Sayyid Bandah Husayn in A.H. 1223

The Kulliyat i Zuhurī is written in three different hands foll 1^b-
20 is a clear Nasta'liq foll 21^b-4^o are written in a Nim Shikastah

hand, with a subscription which says that this portion was written by one Muḥammad Walī, محمد ولی, in Safar, A.H. 1209. The remaining portion, foll 43^b–642^b, is written in a fair Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with an illuminated frontispiece.

fol 259 and fol 589–592 are supplied in a later hand.

A diwān of Zuhūrī was lithographed in Lucknow, 1879.

No 285.

foll 276, lines 19, size 9½ × 5, 7½ × 3.

The same

A small collection of Zuhūrī's prose and poetical works —

1 Preface to the Gulzâr-i-Ibrâhîm, fol 1^b

2 Taḳīb-bands, Qasīdahs and Tajrīb-bands, fol 8^a

3 Rubā'is, foll 78^b–121^a

Beginning —

بر مهر ر عارض تو تقدیم حوسب
 دس تور مه سجدۀ تعظیم حوسب
 گلزار جمال بوسه ، ار رسم صاد
 گلگست نگلزار براهم حوسب

Like India Office Lib Cat, No 1500, the collection of Rubā'is in this copy is divided into twenty-two sections

4 Qasīdahs, foll 121^b–158^b

Beginning —

زار بر هر لحظه خواهم حال زار حوسب
 سهل نامد بهراری بر فرار حوسب

5 Gāzals, foll 158^b–254^a

Beginning —

حسی کجاست نا خورد خون امید و دم را
 ناره کند بدست می دوستی قدیم را

6 Preface to the Khwān-i-Khalīl, foll 254^b–269^a

7 Preface to the Nāḩiās, foll 270^b–276^a

Written in a clear Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders
with a frontispiece
Not dated 19th century

No 286

foli 207 lines 14 size 7×9 $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another small collection of Zuhūrī's prose and poetical works —

- 1 Preface to the Nauris foli 1^b-10
- 2 Preface to the Gulzar i Ibrāhīm foli 10^b-20
- 3 Preface to Khwān i Khālīl foli 20-41
- 4 Sāqī Namah foli 41^b-207

This beautiful copy is written in a minute Nīm Shikastah hand within coloured and gold ruled borders with an illuminated frontispiece at the beginning of each section

The colophon is dated 1atna the 6th of Dulqad 1110 1039

Scribe عبد الله سراري

No 287

foli 106 lines 10 size 9×6 $6 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$

ساقی نامه

SÂQÎ NÂMAH

A beautiful copy of Zuhūrī's Sâqī Namah beginning as above
Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders
Not dated 18th century

No. 288

foll 152, lines 14, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

دیوان فرح الله سوسنری

DÎWÂN-I-FARAJ ULLAH SHÛSTARÎ.

Faraj Ullah Shûstarî, فرج الله سوسنری, with the poetical title Faraj, was an inhabitant of Shûstar. He was for a long time in India, where he was met by the well-known biographer Taqî Auhadî, who mentions having seen him in Agia, and that he was regarded as one of the learned men of the time.

The author of the *Ri'yâd-ush-Shu'arâ* (Lib. copy) says that he has seen the poet's *diwân* containing seven thousand verses (but a copy of the same work in the Asiatic Society reads twenty thousand). The author of the *Yad-i-Baydâ*, however, says that Faraj left only four thousand verses. Âizû, in corroboration to other biographers, says that Faraj came out to India from his native land Shûstar and entered the services of 'Abd Ullah Qutb Shâh, the sixth Sultân of the Qutb Shâhi dynasty of Golconda, during the reign of Shâh Jahân, who gave protection to the said 'Abd Ullah Qutb Shâh for many years when he stood in need of it. Prince Aurangzîb was the then governor of the Imperial territories in the Deccan.

For notices on Faraj Ullah's life see *Ri'yâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 299^b, *Yad-i-Baydâ*, fol 189^b, Taqî Auhadî, fol 564^b, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, fol 355^b, Beal's Biographical Dictionary, p. 8.

The *diwân* consists of only Gazals arranged in alphabetical order. Beginning

ادا ناولسی السہاء دقہا ہم ناولہا
کران ل ، سہاء کوثر رساند نادر در دلہا

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq
Not dated, apparently 18th century

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No 289

foli 105 lines 17 size $7\frac{3}{4} \times 4 \frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$

دیوان شاپور

DÎWÂN-I-SHÂPÛR

Containing Qasîdahs and Gazals

Beginning of the Qasîdahs as in Sprenger Oude Cat p 564 —

چه مرده دارد ازان صاح گل ۱ م بهار
که رقص میکند از صوف بر سر دم سار

Âqâ Shapûr آقا شاپور or according to Taqî Kashî (Oude Cat p 42) Khwajah Sharaf ud Din Shapur شاپور خواجه، a relation of the poets Umîd and Hîrî of Tîhran with the original name Arjasp ارجمست was the son of Khwajah Khwajî the brother of Khwajah Muhammad Sharîf who was successively Wazîr of Khurasan Yazd and Isfahân under Shah Tahmasp (See the Haft Iqlm of Amîn Râzî whose cousin the poet was) Shapur was related to the celebrated Itimad ud Daulah the father of Jahangîr's wife Nûr Jahan and to him he addressed several Qasîdahs Taqî Auhadî a contemporary and friend of the poet says in his Urafat that Shâpur at first adopted the poetical title of مرئی (Sprenger reads مرئی while Riyâd ush Shu'ara and Majma'un Nafais read as مرئی) which when he came to India he changed for شاپور (also سادور) See also Tâhir Nasîrabadî fol 137

The same Taqî Auhadî says that he at first met the poet in Qazwîn in the beginning of the reign of Shah Abbas I and also once in Isfahân when both of them engaged themselves in comparing the diwan of شاپی probably a mistake for مسهدی

Shapûr also came to India and is said to have left Lahore for Iraq in A H 1003 = A D 1594 Taqî Auhadî says that Shapûr's age when they met each other was about twenty years and a few months Taqî Kashî ib says that in A H 996 = A D 1587 Shapur was engaged in imitating the diwan of Fîrâzî The author of the Suhufî Ibrahim says that Nazîm of Labriz mentions in his Tadkîrah that in A H 1026 =

A D 1616 he collected Shâpûr's diwân with him in Isfahân. The poet also left an incomplete Masnawî on the lines of Shîrîn and Farîhâd

For notices on the poet's life and work see Taqî Auhadî, fol 372^a, Haft Iqlîm, fol 298^a, Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 210^b, Majma'-un-Nafâ'is, vol 1, fol 236^b, Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, fol. 482^b See also Sprenger, pp 42 and 564, Rieu, p 674, etc

fol 16^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning as in Rieu, *ib*, and Sprenger, *ib*

رہنمایاں بگرد حاضری لعل جانان
ر حاضرت دسدار حاضری آ، وان را

The initial line of the diwân of Farîbî (another takhallus of Shâpûr), separately noticed in Sprenger, p 408, is found in this copy on fol 17^b

Three or four folios are missing from the end, and the MS breaks off with the following line

مکن سائوری رہنمایاں تکلہ ، کلرام
کہ گل در ہم من بی روی او حاضرت دسدار

Written in minute Nasta'liq, within gold and coloured borders, with a small frontispiece

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 290

fol 107, lines 9, size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $5\frac{1}{4} \times 3$

دیوان

DÎWÂN-I-HABÎB.

The real name of the poet is unknown, except his poetical title, which he assumes in some places as Habîb and in others as Hubb Some of the Tadkrihs show several poets of the name of Habîbî, though none of them give any account of their lives 'Alî Hazin makes mention of a contemporary poet named Habib, who, he says, was a native of 'Abbâs Âbâd in Isfahân But the verses quoted by the above biographer are not found in this copy of the diwân

The *Gazals* in this *diwan* are purely of Sufic and religious character. The dates of chronogram range from A.H. 1013-1027 = A.D. 1604-1618.

In a note on fol. 107^b the poet is called عواحه - صا -
نوسهري

The *diwan* contains *Gazals* in alphabetical order. Some *Gazals* are in Arabic.

Beginning on fol. 1^b —

ای ناک حید ناک نو ناک آر ادای ما
عاجر زبان ما را ادا همو رای ما

In the colophon where the *diwan* is called *Diwan-i Hubbi* it is said that this copy was written in the fourth year of Bahadur Shah's reign by مسح حید الواحد *دنوان حبی*.

No 291

fol. 21 lines 9 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ 6×3

نان و حلوا

NÂN-WA-HALWÂ

OR

"BREAD AND SWEETS"

A poem on ascetic life by Bihā ud Dīn Amulī, Shaykh Bihā ud Dīn Muhammad bin Sayyid Husayn bin Abd us Samad al Harī, of Jabal-i Âmul near Damascus with the takhallus Bala, مسح بها *الدین مصد بن مسد - ن بن حید الصد الحارثی العالمی* was born on the 19th Dhuḥayyah A.H. 903 = 11th February A.D. 1447 (see Brockton p. 414). Bihā ud Dīn's father Sayyid Husayn an eminent Shī'ah divine was at first the Shaykh ul Islam in Ardabil and afterwards Muṭtahid in Isfahan. In his early youth Bahā ud Dīn went to Isfahan where he flourished in the reign of Shah Abbas the Great (A.H. 996-1038 = A.D. 1587-1628) who entertained a high regard for this great scholar. At Isfahan Bahā ud Dīn continued his study

under his father and other eminent scholars, such as *محمد الله نردی*, *ملا علی*, and others. Being possessed of an extraordinary genius and having a tutor of such wide learning as his father, Bahâ-ud-Dîn within a short time made himself thoroughly acquainted with tradition and law. He also made himself master of physics, mathematics, and astronomy. For some time he was the Shaykh-ul-Islâm, which post he subsequently gave up and began to lead an ascetic life, wandering over distant countries and performing pilgrimages. Bahâ-ud-Dîn was one of the most distinguished scholars of his time and, like his father, was a great Shî'ah divine. His works on law are up to the present day considered as the most trustworthy authorities. The celebrated Taqî Majlisî (d. A. H. 1070 = A. D. 1659) was a pupil of Bahâ-ud-Dîn.

On the 4th of Shawwâl, A. H. 1030 = 22nd August, 1621, he became suddenly ill, and, after seven days' illness, died on Tuesday of the same month. Bahâ-ud-Dîn's contemporary historian, Muzâ Iskandar Beg, in his *Âlam Ârâ-i-'Abbâsî*, fol. 310^b, says that Bahâ'î was working at the Jâmi' 'Abbâsî to his last, and adds that, besides Shâh 'Abbâs, thousands of people attended the funeral procession of this great scholar. According to his wish Bahâ-ud-Dîn was buried at Mashhad. Two chronograms of Bahâ'î's death are quoted in the *Âlam Ârâ* (*loc cit*). One composed by Muzâ Abû Tâlib, the prime minister of Shâh 'Abbâs, which runs thus

دوستی حسن و من تاریخس
کعبه ایوان حسن ماوای
ز حوض سعید دار فانی
گمست سعید بهاء الدین وای

and the other—

امسوس و مفندای دوران

composed by Muhammad Sâlih, nephew of the aforesaid Iskandar Beg. In one copy of Bahâ-ud-Dîn's Jâmi' 'Abbâsî (Add. 23,578 of the British Museum), in a preface to the sixth bâb, A. H. 1031 (12th Shawwâl) is given as the date of his death. The date A. H. 1031 is also given in the MS. copy of the *Kashf-ul-Hujub*, fol. 2^b. Besides being one of the distinguished 'Ulamâ of his age, Bahâ-ud-Dîn was a good poet, and has left many *Ġazals* and *Qasidahs*, extracts from which are given in almost all the *tadkrihs*.

Out of the numerous works of this prolific writer on Shî'ite law, tradition, mathematics and astronomy, the following may be enumerated —

I

Miftah ul Falah مشاح الفلاح (wrongly spelt as مشاح الفلاح) in Ethé India Office Lib Cat No 1017 and Lthé Bodl Lib Cat col 230) consisting of a collection of prayers which was translated into Persian by Jamal ud Din Muhammad bin Husayn Khwansari جمال الدين محمد بن جمال, who died in A H 1120 = A D 1713 See Rigu Suppl pp 4^b and 254

II

Arba ūna Hadīs اربعون حديثا or simply Arba in اربعين, composed in Safar 990 = January 1587 in Isfahān See Berl 1027 Brit Mus 187

III

Risālah fi Tahrim i Dabā ih i Ahl il Kitāb رساله في تحريم دباح اهل الكتاب

IV

Risālah fi Wahdat il Wajūd رساله في وحد الوجود

V

Jāmi Ablās جامع حامي The popular exposition of Muhammadan civil and ecclesiastical laws according to the Shīah school compiled at the request of Shāh Abbas the Great revised and annotated by Iz' ud Din Muhammad bin Mīr Abul Hasan bin Muhammad Ismā'il al Husaynī al Mūsawī حر الدين محمد بن مير ابو الحسن بن محمد اسماعيل الحسيني الموسوي The first five babs of this popular work were completed by Bahā ud Din after whose death the remaining fifteen babs were supplied by Nizām bin Husayn of Sawah نظام بن ن الساوي

See Rieu p 25 Lthé Bodl Lib Cat No 1784 Ethé India Office Lib Cat No 2081 W Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 250 251 etc etc Lithographed at Lucknow 1264 and at Iabriz, 1277

VI

Tashrīh ul Afāk تشریح الافلاك, on astronomy with a Persian commentary under the title of Taqrīh ul Adrāk تشریح الادراك,

by Sadr-ud-Dîn Muhammad bin Sâdiq al-Husaynî, صدر الدين محمد بن صادق الحسيني
 , Noticed in Loth, Arab Cat, p 298^b, Arab Cat of the Brit Mus, p 244, and W Peitsch, Berlin Cat, p 76.

VII

Risâlat-us-Safihah, رسالة السفيحة See Berlin Cat, 5801, and Brit Mus, 1346

VIII

Fawâ'id-us-Samâdiyah fi 'Ilm-il-'Arabiyyah, فوايد السمدية في علم العربية

IX

Khulâsat-ul-Hisâb, خلاصة الحساب, on arithmetic

See Loth, Arab Cat, p 220, Brit Mus, p 622, Cat des MSS et Xyl, p 230, J Aumer, p 138, H Kh, vol III, p 168, etc

A Persian paraphrase of this work, under the title Tairjumah-i-Khulâsat ul-Hisâb, ترجمه خلاصة الحساب, is noticed in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 2251 A part of another Persian paraphrase, entitled Fayd-ul-Wahhâb fi Shaiḥ-i-Khulâsat-il-Hisâb, في شرح الواهب, made by Nizâm-ud-Dîn Ahmad bin Muhammad 'Abd Ullah Ash-Shahîd, نظام الدين احمد بن محمد عبد الله الشاهد, is also noticed in the same Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 2252 For an abridged Persian translation of the work by Lutf-Ullah Muhandis (astronomer), الله مهديس بن اسناد احمد معمار لاهوري, see Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 2253, and Rieu, p 451

There are several Arabic commentaries on the Khulâsat-ul-Hisâb the best known among them are 'Ismat Ullâh's انوار خلاصة الحساب (A H. 1086 = A D 1675), printed at Calcutta, 1829, Lutf-Ullâh's, Hâjî Husayn Yazdî's, and Shams-ud-Dîn 'Alî Husaynî Khalkhâlî's See Loth, Arab Cat, p 221 The Khulasat-ul-Hisâb has been edited, Arabic and Persian with commentary, Calcutta, 1812, and Constantinople, A H 1268 Arabic text with German translation by Nesselmann, Berlin, 1843 French translation by Aristide Marie in "Nouvelles annales de mathématiques par Terquem e Gerono," 1846, vol v, p 263, new edition, Rome, 1864

X

Kashkûl, كسكول or كككول, on the Beggar's Bowl A large collection of Analeqta in seven volumes, containing both Arabic and

Persian extracts It has been printed in Tihran in 1266 and in Bulaq It is described by Goldziher in the Sitzungsberichte of the Vienna Academy part 78 and Loth Arab Cat No 834 See also Melanges Asiatiques vol vi p 108

XI

Pisala ۱ Astulab رماله اصطولات a treatise on the Astrolabe noticed in Etke Bodl Lib Cat No 1508

XII

Washriq ush Shams مشرق الشمس (called مشرق العين in the Safinah in Etke Bodl Lib Cat col 220) See Suhuf ۱ Ibrahim fol 115^b

See also G Flugel in p 510 where to the works just enumerated are added الصل المس الرنده في الاصول الهدى في النحو العروة الوثقى الصراه ۱۱ م

A work entitled Bihur ul Anwar بحار الانوار by Baha ud Din is mentioned in W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 59

Two Arabic letters to Mirza Ibrahim by this author are also mentioned in ib p 93

Two Arabic riddles one on قانون and the other on كامه are mentioned in Loth Arabic Cat p 98

Besides the Nan wa Halwa another mystical Masnawi called Shir wa Shakar شير و سكر Milk and Sugar is noticed in Rieu in p 831 W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 699 J Aumer p 4 etc It has been lithographed in Constantinople A H 1282

A work entitled Isna Ashariyah انا عسره by this author is mentioned in the MS copy of the Kashf ul Hujub fol 2^b

For notices of Baha ud Din's life and his works see Taqi Auhadi fol 155^b Khulasat ul Afkar fol 27 Âlam Âya ۱ Abbasi fol 310 Natan ul Afkar p 69 Makhzan ul Garab fol 100 Nishtar ۱ 'Ishq fol 288 Suhuf ۱ Ibrahim fol 115 etc etc

See also Sprenger Oude Cat pp 368 and 369 Pieu ۱ pp 25 and 26 Cat des MSS et Xylographes p 238 Malcolm's Hist of Persia ۱ p ۵8 Etke Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1508 etc Etke India Office Lib Cat Nos 1517-1520 and 2251-2253

Copies of the Nan wa Halwa are noticed in A Sprenger Oude Cat p 368 W Pertsch Turkish Cat No 3 5 Berlin Cat pp 116 1 668 and 698 18 J Aumer p 4 Etke Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1085-1088 Nos 1230 29 and col 768 Etke India Office Lib Cat Nos 1517-1520

The Nân-wa-Halwâ has been lithographed in Constantinople, 1268 and 1282

The Masnawî is a sort of introduction to Maulânâ Rûmî's Maṣnawî. It is introduced by a short prose in Arabic which begins thus on fol 1^b

اما بعد حمد الله تعالى على امصاله و الصلوة و السلام على
اسره ، الخلائق

The poem itself begins thus on fol 2^a

ايها الاهي عن الهدى القدم
اتها الساهي عن الهمم الفويم

The Masnawî is also called *مدائح الحجار* on account of its having been composed in course of the author's pilgrimage. See *Majma'-ul-Fusahâ*, vol II, p 9

The present copy is written in a clear Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with a fairly decorated frontispiece

Dated A H 1106

No. 292.

fol 517, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

ديوان طالع ، آملي

DÎWÂN-I-TÂLIB-I-ÂMULÎ.

The lyrical poems of Muhammad Tâlib of Âmul Maulânâ Muhammad Tâlib (also called Tâlibâ) of Âmul in Mâzandarân, مولانا محمد طالع ، آملي, was a cousin of the celebrated Hakîm Rukn-ud-Dîn Mas'ûd Masîh, better known as Hakîm Ruknâ (d A H 1066 = A D 1655) of Kâshân, who composed the following Qit'ah on Tâlib's death

مررد حریر طالع ، و حوسم رف

رس و اقامها به نادل رشم رف

من بودم و آن عرب در عالم خاک
حاکم بر سر که آن هم از م رجب

Talib came to India and attached himself at first to the service of Mirza Gazi Beg Tarkhan (ruler of Sindh from A.H. 1015-1020 = A.D. 1606-1611) son of Mirza Jani Beg Tarkhan (A.H. 993-1008 = A.D. 1584-1599). Like his father who adopted the poetical title of Halimi Gazi Beg was an ardent admirer of poetry and himself composed poems under the takhallus of Waqari (*vide* Blochmanns *Âin al-Harî* vol. 1 pp. 362-364). Like other poets such as Mulla Murshid Wali Mulla Asad and Isafuri Talib enjoyed the warm favours of Mirza Gazi Beg. After the death of Gazi Beg Talib found another learned benevolent and more influential master in Itimad ud Daulah Wazir of the emperor Jahangir and father of Jahangir's wife the celebrated Nur Jahan Begam. Talib's attachment with these learned and influential personages soon acquired for him a vast reputation and having a patron like Itimad ud Daulah the poet had no difficulty in obtaining access to the court of Jahangir and in securing the warm favour of the emperor. Jahangir an ardent admirer of poetry in which he himself was well versed in recognition of Talib's merit honoured him in the 14th year of his reign (A.H. 1028 = A.D. 1618) with the title of **ملك السعرا** or Poet Laureate. While referring to this the emperor in his *Tuzuk* p. 286 speaks of the poet in the following commendatory words —

دربى نازع طالب آملی بظاہر ملك السعرا
بوسده اصل او ار آمل است بکصدی تاحمد الدوله مسود خون
ربه شمش از همگان در گذشت در ملك سعراي ناي نص
— م ۴

So Tahir Nasirabadi's statement that Talib received the above title during the reign of Shah Jahan is erroneous. See also *Iqbal Nama* i Jahangiri p. 308 where Talib is mentioned among the poets of Jahangir's reign and is designated there as **ملك السعرا**.

In A.H. 1029 Talib went to Pithpur and his mind becoming deranged he died according to the best authorities in A.H. 1030 = A.D. 1620. Mulla Shayda a contemporary of Talib is said to have composed the following chronogram on the poet's death —

داراي ملك از مردن طال . هلم داد
 امروز نمای بام از نا افتاد
 تاریخ وفاتش از حرد بستم
 سرش بعلی ای طال . ناد

The author of the *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm*, while remarking that Talib was specially well versed in *Qasidahs*, says that the poet composed a *و جهانگیر نامه* consisting of five thousand verses *مستمل دج هزارت* . بام کرده

Mr Beale, in his *Miftâh-ut-Tawârikh*, p 315, while noticing the life of Nûi Jahân Begam, incidentally mentions that when Tâlib was once arrested or imprisoned by Jahângir's order, the poet sent the following couplet to the Begam

ز منرم آ . بدم آ . را شکستی دست
 بصرتم که مرا آروى از نه شکست

یعنی دست و شکست . and that the Begam thus replied to the poet

We cannot place much reliance on the above statement of Mr Beale, since none of the reliable biographers of Tâlib gives us to understand that Jahângir was ever displeased with the poet. On the contrary, Jahângir in his *Tuzuk* (*loc cit*) himself says that Tâlib was the best of his contemporary poets, and that the emperor honoured him with the title of *ملك الشعراء*

From some of his *Qit'ahs*, found in some copies of his *diwân*, it would appear that Tâlib was a man of little ambition and a strict observer of the fashion he adopted. On one occasion, when Jahângir offered the poet the post of *مهر دار* (Keeper of Seals), he refused in a very polite form, and sent a long *Qit'ah* (found on foll 182^a-183^b of copy No 295) to the emperor, in which the poet made very pleasing excuses

ر ماعر با مستحي آند نه خدمت
 که بلبل نوا حوان بود بی سکاری
 حو مهر تو دارم چه حاجت نه هم
 مرا مهر داری نه از مهر داری

On another occasion when Jahangir asked Talib to have a shave the poet spontaneously extemporized a beautiful Qit'ah (found on fol 170 of copy No 295) in the emperor's presence and thus avoided the shaving —

مهر منکم صاحباً ورنه من
 چه سر بلکه گردن تراستد می
 سر و راس و اندر و روت و مره
 برسم برهن تراستد می
 هراکو تراستد بس از همه
 اروا ر من تراستد می
 حو من راهم خارج از رسم تو
 که مو و روت ر من تراستد می
 وگرنه ناسای انری تو
 سر از صفحه بی تراستد می

For notices on the poet's life and his works see besides the references given above Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 240 Atash Kadah p 224 Makhzan ul 'Gara'ib fol 496 Khulasat ul Afkar fol 101^b Majma un Nafais vol 11 fol 28^b Nishtar i Ishq fol 1077 Yad i Bayda fol 136 Khazanah i 'Amirah fol 224 Natanj ul Afkâr p 271 Suhuf i Ibrahim fol 565^b

See also Sprenger Oude Cat., pp 125 and 575 Rieu 11 p 619 J Aumer p 38 Ouseley Biogr Notices pp 176-179 W Iertsch p 23 and Berlin Cat p 913 Ethé Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1090-1092 Ethé India Office Lib Cat Nos 1524-1529 E D Ross and E G Browne Persian and Arabic MSS, India Office Lib p 152 etc etc

Contents of the diwan —

This copy consists of Ġazals arranged in alphabetical order and Rubais only

fol 1^b Beginning of the Ġazals —

ما را کسد خو صوی تو نصیب نلبد ما
 هر موی نارپانه سود بر منسد ما

fol 462^a Rubâ'is

Beginning

یار ، نکریم حاسنی تحفہ
 ربیع ناع تصورم کل تصدیقی

Written in a fair Nasta'liq, within gold and coloured borders, with a double-page ordinary 'unwân

Dated 17th Muharram, A.H. 1155

No. 293.

fol 313, lines 12, size 11 × 7, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 3.

The same

Another copy of Tâlib Âmulî's dîwân containing Ġazals, arranged in alphabetical order, and Rubâ'is

fol 1^b Ġazals

Beginning —

نایما نکه می مسجد نمدانم رباس را
 حدایا . پس الهامی که درایم رباس را

fol 232^a Rubâ'is

Beginning as in the preceding copy

یار ، نکریم حاسنی تحفہ الح

On comparing with the preceding copy it will be seen that the arrangement of the Rubâ'is in both the copies is identical, and that some twenty Rubâ'is at the end are wanting in the present copy. The last line, with which the MS. breaks off, is the following second line of the first couplet of a Rubâ'i

حسبی در موج امک نا مرگان عرق

Written in a good Nasta'liq, within gold borders

The original folios are placed in new margins
No date apparently 17th century

No 294

fol 175 lines 12 size 11 × 7 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 3

The same

Another copy of Talib's diwan containing Qa'idahs Qit'ahs Tarkib
bands and Masnawis

fol 1^b Qa'idahs

Beginning —

حون كج نهم سرون حرد امسر نان
ار مدح مه اناقه رنم بر سر رنان

fol 112^b Qit'ahs

Beginning —

ايا مسوده صفائي كه ار گل و چه
كله گوسه اندسه گلستان مرا

fol 141^b Tarkib-bands

Beginning —

اي روتورنك روي نسان
وي عكس لب بومانه جان

fol 169 Masnawis

Beginning —

ام روزي ار طرر امسائي
حروم نكه را برقع كسائي

It should be observed here that the preceding copy is only the last
portion of the present MS and is somehow or other bound separately
The contents of both the copies when taken together will very nearly
make a complete copy of Talib's diwan like the one mentioned in Ette

India Office Lib Cat, No, 1524 The Masnawî on the hunting excursion of Jahângîr, noticed in Rieu, III, p 1001, and beginning with the line—

بہا ای مہر تلگتہ نوش
ہریرانہ نہ سن و نکسای گوس

is not found in the collection of Tâlib's works in this Library.

Written in the same handwriting as the preceding copy, and the original folios likewise are placed in new margins

No. 295

fol 209, lines 15, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, 7×3 .

The same.

Another copy of Tâlib's dîwân, containing Qasîdahs, Qit'ahs, Tarkîb-bands

fol 1^b Qasîdahs

Beginning as in most copies —

حون کہ نهم بقرن حرد امسر بان الح

fol 145^b Qit'ahs

Beginning

ای کریدی کہ محسنا ، ترا
سوانم بود انسا من

fol 187^b Tarkîb-bands

Beginning as in the preceding copy

ای روی تورنگه، روی سنان الح

The Gazals and the Masnawîs are wanting in this copy.

Written in a fan Nasta'liq, within gold borders

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 296

foli 175 lines 17 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

قصائد طالب آملی

QASÂ'ID-I-TÂLIB-I-ÂMULÎ

This copy contains the Qasîdahs of Talib without any alphabetical order

Beginning —

ردم خوش در خوانی بر ساطع موعظی
کسوف در برم طالع
چون من مجلس آرای

Written in a fair Nasta liq within gold and coloured ruled borders
Not dated apparently 18th century

No 297

foli 99 lines 17 size $11\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

بدمآوت

PADMÂWAT

A poem on the lines of Faydis Nal Daman describing the love story of Ratan Sen and Padam also known as Rat Padam founded on the older Hindi story of the same title which was composed in Bhaka by Malik Muhammad Jaisi in A H 947 = A D 1540 for Shir Shah (see Garcin de Tassy *Litterature Hindoue* vol II p 97) and rendered into Persian verses by Mullâ Abd ush Shakûr also called according to a colophon of a Bodl Lib Copy No 1125 Shaykh Shukr Ullah Mulla Abd ush Shakur who styled himself Bazmi was the son of Shaykh Munawwar. He was born in A H 1001 = A D 1592 and according to good evidence was an inhabitant of Karaj or Kari in Gujarat. Put in Sprenger *Oude Cat* p 376 we find that after staying for some time at Shiraz Bazmi came out to Gujarat during the reign of Jahangir. In his twenty seventh year A H 1098 = A D 1619 Bazmi

composed the Padmâwat, consisting of three thousand and fourteen verses, and dedicated it to the emperor Jahângîr, as appears from the following verses quoted in Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, *ib*

در سال هزار و سی و هشت
این سلك بهال منظم گشت
مد نامه هزار خارده در
این درج ز موحط مع من بر

Bazmî died at Agra in A H 1073 = A D 1662, leaving a *diwân* and the present poem

For references, see Rieu, *iii*, p 1036, Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, p. 376, Ethé, *Bodl Lib Cat*, No 1125, Ethé, *Ind. Office Lib Cat*, No 1582.

Beginning of the poem as in Ethé, *Ind Office Lib Cat*, *ib*

ای نام تو نفس لوح جانها
در مائدة نوصه ، اور نانها

The poem has been edited in Lucknow, 1844 and 1865. A Hindûstânî translation of the same by Diyâ ud-Dîn 'Ibrat of Delhi, completed by Gulâm 'Alî Mashhadî 'Ishîat, appeared in Lucknow, 1858, and a version in a dialect, half Bhâkâ and half Hindûstânî, by 'Abd ul-Jalîl Balgrâmî, is mentioned in Rieu, *loc cit*. A Pushtû translation by Ibrâhîm has been noticed in Z D M G, vol xvi, p 789.

Other Persian versions are —(1) by Husayn of Gâznah, mentioned in W Pertsch, *Berlin Cat*, p 911, (2) by Mîr 'Askarî 'Âqîl Khân Râzî (*d* A H. 1108 = A D 1696), and (3) by Husâm ud-Dîn, who composed the Masnawî styled *سی و سی* in A H 1071 = A D 1660 and dedicated to 'Âlamgîr.

This splendid copy, containing a very fine specimen of Indian illustrations, was written only seven years after the author's death, as will appear from the date given in the colophon —

سام صد و شصت و دو و ماو ، تخریه ، مولاناى مولا نزمى تاريج
بست و بهم ماه ربيع الثاني سنة ١٠٨٠ هجرى بطل امل خلق
الله . . .

The first two folios are beautifully illuminated, and the copy is written in a good Nasta'liq.

No 298

fol 144 lines 10 size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

مشوي سغانى

THREE MAŠNAWĪS BY SHĪFĀ'Ī

Hakim Sharaf ud Din Hasan Shīfā'ī son of Hakim Mullā Isfahānī was a renowned physician in his day. He flourished during the reign of Shīh Abbas the Great (A H 1002 = A D 1642) to whose court he was attached. He was also for some time in the employ of Mir Givāş ud Din Mansūr of Shirāz. Taqī Anḥadī fol 380^b mentions in his work that he cultivated the society of Shīfā'ī for some time and had many literary discussions with him. He praises him (Shīfā'ī) highly and says that he composed poems with him which exceeded more than about one hundred and fifty in number. The number of poems that Shīfā'ī composed singly was forty or fifty thousand out of which he sent twenty thou and and twenty poems to India with three Mašnawīs. His Mašnawīs are all the outcome of his natural feelings. He was a past master in all branches of poetry though his Mašnawīs and Qasidas may not come up to his odes the style of which has a special beauty of its own still they are excellent in their own way. He took the lyrics of Bala Fīḡanī for his model.

He died in the year A H 1037 the 15th of Ramadan (A D 1628 9th May).

For notices see Majma un Nafais fol 193^a Sprenger Oude Lib Cat p 570 Rien n p 822 Podl Lib Cat p 341 Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 217 Ât h kadah p 183 Khulasat ul Afkar fol 889^b Nighat ul Ishq fol 902 Yad i Bayda fol 111^b Lthe India Office Cat No 1032

Contents —

I

fol 1

مهر و مص

OR

LOVE AND AFFECTION

Beginning —

الهي ار سر عاشق نواري
دلي ده كردان - اري

د

This Masnawî was composed in A.H. 1021 = A.D. 1621, as would appear from the following chronogram —

مجن را مېکسودم برده ار مهر
که ناگه رو نمود این نسخه مهر
بهاں فکر ناطل کدام ار دح
که هم این نسخه مهرام ، تاریخ

II

fol 42^b

Beginning —

نمکدان هفت ،
ای شهد من ماله ، مای
نمکدان طرز راه مای

III

fol 114^b

هه عراهن

A Masnawî in imitation of Khâqânî's *Tuhfat ul-'Îâqayn* The title of the poem is given on fol 113^b

Beginning —

ای درد تو تحفه عراهن
وی زهر تو مکر مداهن

Written in a good minute Nasta'liq, within gold-coloured borders
Not dated, apparently 12th century A.H.

No 299.

fol 116, lines (central col) 15, (margl col) 25,
size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6$, $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$

دبوان ، مانی

Diwân of Shifâ'î, consisting of Gazals, Qasîdahs and Rubâ'is without any order.

Beginning —

نا حاحل المادي يا چله العلى

fol 113 (margin) Ruba is

Beginning —

دورج نس مرا حسن مسومند
 احگر لب آه آنس مسومند
 زان نس که صرصر کند آساري
 مي آند و نس من رمس مسومند

Written in a clear Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders
 Not dated apparently 18th century

No 300

fol 213 lines 17 size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ 6×3

The same

Another copy of Shifa is diwan containing Gazals and Ruba is
 fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

نا عسى رفته روز ازل بر رنان ما
 نارد بحرف عسى رنان در دهان ما

fol 207^b Ruba is

Beginning —

هرحد کرم است خدای عمار

Written in a fair Nasta'liq

Dated A H 1254

No. 30^t.fol 53, lines 13-15, size, $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, 5×3 .

دیوان محمد صوفی

DÎWÂN-I-MUḤAMMAD ṢŪFÎ.

The biographers record several poets of the name of محمد صوفی, Muhammad Ṣūfî, and confound them with one another. The author of the *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm* fol 498^a 499^a, notices not less than six different poets with the name of Muhammad Ṣūfî, under the letter ص; *eg*, -صوفی ماردراپی- صوفی سراری- صوفی کرمانی- صوفی اردستانی -صوفی ماریدرانی- صوفی آملی and صوفی همدانی. The author of the *Âtash Kadah* mentions one صوفی اسمعانی, while in some *tadkîrah*s we also find one صوفی کسروی. But the fact that most of the verses quoted by the biographers under the life of each of the above poets are common, and are also found in the present copy of the *diwân*, leads us to a reasonable conclusion that there are only two or three poets bearing the name محمد صوفی. The present Muhammad Ṣūfî, author of this *diwân*, who is generally confused with others, was originally a native of Mâzandarân, and to this the poet himself refers thus on fol 11^a

مرا گجرا ، ازان گسب است ، مسکن

که از ماردرانم یادگار است ،

but as he travelled over almost the whole of Persia and also came to India, the biographers wrongly conclude that there were five or six poets of the same name belonging to different places. The author of the *Majma'-un-Nafâ's* wrongly calls this poet a native of Shirâz, and still expresses his inability to decide whether محمد صوفی سراری and محمد صوفی کرمانی are different or identical.

We can, however, rely upon the statement of the poet's contemporary biographer, Taqî Auhadî, who notices only two poets of the name of Muhammad Ṣūfî, namely, مولانا محمد صوفی اسمرانادی and مولانا محمد صوفی ماردراپی, and takes great precaution in distinguishing the one from the other. As this learned biographer places

both the poet under the letter م, we come to the conclusion that this Muhammad Sâfi like the other, adopted the poetical title of محمد, Muhammad and not Sufi as wrongly asserted by almost all the biographers. Moreover in the diwan we find the poet always adopting the takhallus محمد. He was a great traveller and a distinguished follower of Sufism. He travelled to India during the reign of the emperor Akbar and settled in Gujarat from where he performed several pilgrimages to Mecca and according to some spent his last days in Kashmir. He made a selection of about 50 000 verses (according to some 60 000) from the diwans of the earliest poets in A H 1010 = A D 1601 to which he gave the title of نجات, Butkhanah (see Ethel Bodley Cat No 366). It was subsequently amplified by Abd ul Latif Abd Ullah al Abbasi in A H 1021 = A D 1612 who added a preface and biographical notices of the poet and called it حللۃ احوال السعرا. The author of the Majma' un Nafas says that the takkîrah of Taqî Auhadî consists of selections from the above work of Muhammad Sâfi. His ماتی نامہ, Saqi Namah comprising fol 43^b-53 of this copy which he composed in A H 1000 = A D 1591 is very popular. Taqî Auhadî states that while he was composing his well known takkîrah between A H 1022-1024 = A D 1613-1615 Muhammad Sufi was residing at Gujarat where he (Auhadî) reportedly visited the poet. Here Muhammad Sâfi made friendship with the celebrated Mulla Nazîrî of Nishapûr with whom he very often held poetical discourses. An unpleasantness however arose between the two and Muhammad Sâfi broke off relations with Nazîrî and did not even visit Nazîrî in his last illness. He however joined his funeral procession which took place in A H 1022 = A D 1613. Besides being well known for his Butkhanah and the Saqi Namah Muhammad Sâfi enjoys a fairly wide reputation as a good Rubaî writer.

We do not find any reliable date of the poet's demise. In Bland's Journal Roy As Soc Lond ix p 165 we are told that he was still living in Gujarat in A H 1038 = A D 1628 while the authors of the Nihâyat Ishq, Makhzan ul Garâib and a few others give us to understand that while Jahangîr summoned the poet from Kashmir he died at Sirhind on his way to the imperial court in A H 1035 = A D 1625 and they give the following chronogram in support —

مردانه نکی مدتی محمد صوفی

This date of the poet's death is also given in the Riyad ush Shu'arâ. Notices on the poet's life will be found in Taqî Auhadî fol 701^b Haft Iqlim fol 309^b Mir'at ul Âlam fol 446^b Riyad ush Shu'arâ

fol 384^b; Tadkīrah-i-Tāhī Nasīrābādī, fol 183^a, Âtash Kadah, p 243; Yad-i-Bayḡā, fol 209^a, Majma'-un-Nafā'is, vol 1, fol 274^b, Makhzan-ul-Gaiâ'ib, fol 811, Nishtai-i-Ishq, fol 1579, Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, fol. 498^b

See also Ethe, Bodl Lib Cat, No. 366, Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 33, 88, 386 and 499, Bland, Journ Roy As Soc, Lond, ix, p 165, Blochmann's Â'in-i-Akbarî, vol 1, p 590.

Contents of the diwân

fol 1^b Qasîdahs without any alphabetical order
Beginning as in Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 499 —

آه اریں آسمان آتسار
داد اریں روزگار مردم روار

fol 13^a Ġazals, arranged in alphabetical order.
Beginning

هوس در سر بود آتس مرا اندر دل نه جا
نفس در سینه خون حر بود هگام یاربها

The initial Ġazal quoted in Sprenger, p 500, is the second in this copy

fol 34^b Rubā'is
Beginning —

روزي که نصیب دیدم آن مسب آتسا
اماده دل شکسته ار دست آتسا
حائى افگند دست سیم آتسا
کاماده ملک بکاه راهب آتسا

fol 43^b The famous ماقی نامه, Sâqî Nâmah.
Beginning as in Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 386 —

الا ای دل مانه ار کار و نار
نه مسنی و دیوانگی سر ترار

According to the following concluding verse the poet composed the Sâqî Nâmah in A H 1000 = A D 1572

که اہم این گوهر آندار (sic)
و تاریخ هجره، مد منی هرار ،

Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders
Not dated apparently 18th century

No 302

foli 191 lines 14 size $8\frac{3}{4} \times 6 \times 3$

ملک السراج

FALAK-UL-BURÛJ

A poem in imitation of Nizami's Haft Paykar in the same metre and subject

By Rûh ul Amin

Beginning with a preface —

روح معلقه اسی حسره که بره ، این نلس حصار اورو یکی هرا
کردیده آله

Rûh ul Amin was the poetical title of Mir Muhammad Amin of Shahrîstân in Isfahan. میر محمد امن سهرستانی المخلص به روح الامین His elder brother Mir Jalul ud Dîn Husayn who was succeeded by his cousin Mirza Radî (d. A.H. 1026 = A.D. 1616) held a very influential position under Shah Abbas I. Muhammad Amin came to the Deccan in A.H. 1013 or in A.H. 1010 = A.D. 1601 (see Rien p. 67) and entered the service of Muhammad Qulî Qutb Shâh of Golconda (A.H. 988-1020 = A.D. 1580-1611). He gained the highest favour of the king and was very soon honoured with the title of Mir Jumla. Amin however left the court in a little distress during the time of Sulţan Muhammad Qutb Shâh (A.H. 1020-1083) and went to seek favour in the court of Âdil Shâh of Bijapûr but being disappointed he left India and entered the court of Shah Abbas. Having failed to gain any high position under Shah Abbas Amin sent a petition to Jahângîr praying for his admission in the emperor's court. On receiving the emperor's order Amin fled from the court of Shâh Abbâs and entered the Moghal emperor's service in A.H. 1027 = A.D. 1617. He held several high positions under this emperor and continued to enjoy still more favours from Shah Jahan till he fell a victim on the 10th of Rabi' II A.H. 1047.

= A D 1637 See Ma'âsh-ul-Umarâ, vol 11, p 300 See also Suhuf-i Ibrâhîm, fol 345^b, Rieu, 11, p 675

In the preface the poet, after praising God, deals in length with the praise of his patron Sultân Muhammad Qulî Qutb Shâh, for whom he wrote the present poem On fol 4^b the title of the work is given thus

این کتاب ، مستطاب ، بعلک الروح موصوم گسب
 کرد مس آسمان هسنم نام appears in the epilogue, fol 182^b

سند حو این کاح مرئید تمام
 کرد مس آسمان هسنم نام

This is the fourth poem of the poet's intended Khamsah The first three being —(1) On the loves of Parwîz, (2) a poem entitled Matmah, and (3) the Laylâ Majnûn See Rieu, pp 675 and 676, where a copy of the poet's Laylâ Majnûn, and the present poem (the fourth poem of the Khamsah) under the title آسمان هسنم, and also a copy of his diwân, entitled گلستان نار, are mentioned

The date of composition, A H 1021 = A D 1612, is given on fol 190^b.

گسب ، یک سب حو مروں بهار
 سد مکمل حو حرح این گلزار

Cf the line quoted in Rieu, *loc cit*, bearing the same date but in a different reading

On fol 187^b the poet says that while composing this poem he suddenly lost his patron Sultân Muhammad Qulî Qutb Shâh, and that he then dedicated it to Sultân Muhammad Qutb Shâh, the successor of Muhammad Qulî Qutb Shâh

Contents —

fol 1 ^b –10 ^a	Preface
fol 10 ^b –11 ^a	Blank
fol. 11 ^b –83 ^b	Introduction.
Beginning —	

ای روان امرب کردون سار
 وی ۰ ی ار مرئیک و ار اسار

After praising God and the prophet, the poet lavishes numerous panegyrics on Sultân Muhammad Qulî Qutb Shâh The last part of the introduction deals with some valuable admonitions which the poet addresses to his squ.

Beginning of the story on fol 83^b —

بزم آرای این فساله حوض
خود مادی نهاد در آس

fol 182-191 حاشیه, or the epilogue

Beginning —

بد مسحر مرا جو ملک سخن
کرد احوال روی حوسن سن

Written in a clear Nasta'liq within gold and coloured borders with an ordinary frontispiece in the beginning

Not dated apparently 17th century

No 303.

fol 310 lines 1^o size 104 × 5 7½ × 3½

دیوان اسیر

DÎWÂN-I-ASÎR

Mirza Jalâl Asir son of Mirza Mumin of Isfahan مرزا جلال اسیر belonged to a noble Sayyid family of Shahristân. The author of the Suhuf 1 Ibrahim gives us to understand that during the reign of Shah Safi (A H 1038-1052 = A D 1628-1642) the poet was put to prison for some time and that he therefore adopted the poetical title of اسیر (prisoner) but this seems to be erroneous since we know that Asir as a poet enjoyed the warm favours from Shah Abbas I (A H 996-1038 = A D 1587-1628) who gave him one of his daughters in marriage. The authors of the Majma'un Nafis 1 Nishtar 1 Ishq and a few others assert that Asir was a pupil of Mirza Fasih of Herat (see No 305). Asir was in the habit of drinking and died young from his excesses. Some biographers pass disparaging remarks on the style and sense of Asir's poems and the author of the Riyad ush-Shu'ara in the course of his notice of the life of Mir Najat of Isfahan bitterly condemns the low tone and the vulgar jokes in Asir's poems as well as in those of Zulali and Shaukat of Bukhara.

The author of the *Hamishah Bahâi*, however, attempts to excuse and defend Asîr by saying that as the poet composed his poems in the state of intoxication and never revised them, his style is weak and the chain of his thoughts is unconnected. Asîr never came to India, but, according to the author of the said *Hamishah Bahâi*, it would appear that (برادر صاعی) a foster brother of the poet came to India.

There are some conflicting statements regarding the date of Asîr's death.

The authors of the *Hamishah Bahâr* (Oude Cat, p 117) and the *Mir'ât-ul-Âlam* fix the poet's death in A H 1040 = A D 1630, but this is inconsistent with the fact that some chronograms on the events of A H 1044 and 1045 (A D 1634 and 1635) are found in the poet's *diwân* (see foll 297^b, 298^a and 298^b).

The author of the *Suhuf-i-Ibîâhîm* stands alone in asserting that Asîr died in A H 1069 = A D 1658 at the age of forty. Now, if we admit this assertion, we have to come to a very unsatisfactory conclusion, that Asîr was only a boy of nine years old at the time of Shâh 'Abbâs's death in A H 1038 = A D 1628, who, as we know for certain, was an intimate friend of Asîr and married one of his daughters to the poet. We, therefore, accept the date A H 1049 = A D 1639 of the poet's death given by Snâj (Oude Cat, p 149) and by the authors of the *Khulâsat-ul-Afkâr* and *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâr*.

For notices on the poet's life and his work see *Tadkirah-i-Tâhî* Nasrâbâdî, fol 54^b, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol 1, fol 18^b, *Mir'ât-ul-Âlam*, fol 436^a, *Yad-i Baydâ*, fol 18^a, *Hamishah Bahâi*, fol 3^b, *Tadkirah-i-Husaynî*, fol 29^b, *Khulâsat-ul-Afkân*, fol 20^a, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 39^a, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib*, fol 68^a, *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkân*, *Mir'ât-ul-Khayâl*, p 106, *Âtash Kadah*, p 229, *Nishtar-i-Ishq*, fol 65^b.

See also Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, pp 149, 342 and 343, Rieu, II, p 681, Ethé, *Bodl Lib Cat*, Nos 1096-1100, Ethé, *India Office Lib Cat*, Nos 1541-1551, etc.

Contents of the *diwân*

fol 1^b Qasîdahs in praise of the Imâms, Shâh Safî, and others, without any alphabetical order.

Beginning —

ای دانه تسع حباب دل دانا
سر جلوه مسنان رخ ، دیده بسا

fol 45^a *Qit'ahs*

Beginning

حسروا نکهت ز من نسو
تا تو نامی ز علم بر حوردار

fol 46^b Tarkīb bands

Beginning —

خاک راه تو نو بهار حسن
نفس پای تو یادگار حسن

fol 48 Masnawis

Beginning of the first as in Ethé India Office Lib Cat No 1541 —

نود سی در راه ، ارباب هوش
کوش دلم روره کسای مروش

The Masnawis are followed by three Tarkīb bands

fol 56^b Ġazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

ای گلشن از بهار حال تو میبها
برگ گل از طراوت رویت با

fol 301 Mukhammasat

Beginning —

گر بسدند بان دنده حرانی را
ورر آنسه کساید گا ای را
بی مه - - - که کم قالب سجائی را
سار آناد خدایا دل ویرانی را
یا مده مهر بان هیچ - ای را

This Khamsah is on a Ġazal of Khwajah Asafi the son of Muqim ud Dīn Nīmat Ullah who was the Wazīr of Sultan Abū Saīd Āsafi was a pupil of the celebrated Jamī and a friend of Mir Ali Shīr. He died in A.H. 923 = A.D. 1517. A copy of his diwān is noticed in Ethé Bodl Lib Cat No 990

fol 303 Rubā is

Beginning —

غم کرده ریاض حان مه وصال موا
آنسه ندارد دل حوسحال موا
صاد ر سکه دوهم ممدارد
مه است در آخوس نفس نال موا

The last Rubâ'i runs thus

دور رسد کله گوشت دمنار کسی
 گلشن من سایه دیوار کسی
 دل سوخته گرمی نارار کسی
 آئینه در خانه دیوار کسی

There are altogether ninety-three Rubâ'is in this copy.

Scribe *عالم محمد جلالوری*

In the colophon we are told that the transcription was completed at Lahore on Friday, A.H. 1047, during the reign of 'Alamgir, but we know for certain that no 'Alamgir ruled in India in the year 1047

fol 1^b, 10^b, 223^a-238^b and 309^a-310^a are supplied in a later hand

Written in a fair Nasta'liq, within coloured borders

No 304

fol 388, lines 15, size 9×5 , $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same.

Another copy of Asir's diwân

fol 1^b Gazals partially arranged in alphabetical order
 Beginning as in the preceding copy

ای گلشن از بهار - ال تو مسیحا الح

The Gazals and the Qasîdahs are intermixed in this copy.

fol 289^b Ta'kîb-bands

Beginning as in the preceding copy

حاک راه تو تو بهار - من الح

fol 297^b Qit'ahs

Beginning

جوهر بزم منج ماه سخی الح

t'ahs are followed by a few Qasîdahs and Gazals

Masnawîs

Beginning —

مرسد حم مرسد چمران ساه
حسرو درنا دل حلد انساه

fol 316 Tarji bands not found in the preceding copy

Beginning —

سناه گل امب و ا نلل
ماء حن حن معامل

The burden runs thus —

داد ار نو و ار مروب نو
دبواه مدم نو نو

The Tarji bands are followed by a Qit'ah after which run some Gazals ending in the letters م to ي

On fol 318 we find the following note —

سارح دور نه ه نورد هم مهر سوال ٩٨ ا در دارالسلامه
ماهجهان آباد مسوده نموده شد

fol 380 Ruba'is

Beginning as above —

عم کرده رنص حان مه و مال مرا الح

This copy contains thirty eight Ruba'is in all

The colophon says that this copy was transcribed on the 12th Muharram A H 1099 at Shahjahanabad

Scribe محمد رنص مسهدي

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq within gold and coloured borders with a faded frontispiece

No. 305.

foli 121, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$, 7×3

ديوان فاسحي

DÎWÂN-I-FAŠÎHÎ.

Mirzâ Fasîhî, مرزا فاسحي هروي, was a native of Herat, but, as he was descended from the celebrated devotee Khwâjah Abû Ismâ'il 'Abd Ullah Ansârî al-Harawî, حواجه ابو اسماعيل عبد الله الهاروي (who was born in A H 396 = A D 1005 and died A H 481 = A H 1088, and is the author of several well-known works, *e g*, Manâzil-us-Sâ'înîn, مسارل السائرين, Tabaqât-us-Sûfiyah, الطبقات الصوفية, Zâd-ul-Ârifîn, زاد العارفين, etc) he is also known as Fasîhî Ansârî, فاسحي الهاروي. He was a contemporary of the distinguished poet Hakîm Shari'af-ud-Dîn Hasan Shifâ'î of Istahân, who was the chief physician of Shâh 'Abbâs the Great, and who died on the 5th of Ramadân, A H 1037 = 9th May, A D 1628. The poets Nâzım Harawî, d A H 1081 = A D 1670 (who was the favourite court poet of 'Abbâs Qulî Khân Shâmlû, the Beglerbeg of Herat, and composed a Yûsuf Zalikhâ, يوسف و زليخا, in imitation of Firdausî in A H 1072 = A D 1661), Mirzâ Jalâl Asî, d A H 1049 = A D 1639 (a drunkard and a great friend of Shâh 'Abbâs), and Daiwîsh Wâlîh (see below) were the pupils of Mirzâ Fasîhî. Auji Natanzî, Malîk Mashîqî, and Fasîhî were the favourite companions of Mîr Hasan Beg Shâmlû, governor of Khurâsân, who succeeded to the post of his father Husayn Khân, A H 1027 = A D 1617, and died in A H 1050 = A D 1640, towards the end of Shâh Safî's reign (A H 1038-1052 = A D 1628-1642).

This Hasan Shâmlû, an ardent admirer of poetry, was himself a poet, and has left, according to Tâhîr Nasîbâdî and the author of the 'Âlam Âîâ, a dîwân of about three thousand lines. While enjoying the learned society of Hasan Beg, Fasîhî generally held poetical discourses with Hakîm Shifâ'î, which at last ended in a quarrel between these two poets. Âîzû, in his Majma'un-Nafâ'is, states that Fasîhî had great longings to visit India and made several attempts to come to the court of the then Mugal emperor, but Hasan Beg Shâmlû, who considered Fasîhî's company a source of literary pleasure, seriously objected

to such a separation and that the poet thus disappointed sent at last a copy of his diwan to Âgrah Mirza Iskandar Beg in his Alam Âra says that in A H 1031 = A D 1621 Shih Abbâs the Great (while in Herat) on hearing the wide reputation of Fasih summoned the poet to his court and enlisted him among the court poets. This king a great patron of learning entertained high regard for Fasih and rewarded him in various ways. The author of the Âtash Kadah remarks that Fasih besides being a poet of great celebrity was a good calligrapher particularly well versed in writing the Shikastah hand. Tahir Na'aridi says that Fasih has left about six thousand verses. According to Siraj (Oude Cat p 151) Fasih died in A H 1046 = A D 1636 but the chronogram

نگو فصحي آراده سوي ~ سد

composed by Fasih's pupil Walih found in his diwan fol 6r (noticed somewhere below) expresses the date of the poet's death in A H 1049 = A D 1639 and this date of course is more reliable.

For notices on his life see Alim Âra i Albâsi fol 321^b Tahir Nasralâdis taḍkīrah fol 143^b Majma'un Naḥas vol II fol 301^b Khulâ'at ul Afkâr fol 146^b Âtash Kadah p 204 Makhzan ul Garâib fol 625 Yad i Bayda fol 115^b Nahar i Iḥq fol 1328 etc.

See also Sprenger Oude Cat pp 91 113 127 151

Copies of his diwan are noticed in Sprenger Oude Cat p 390 and Ethic India Office Lib Cat No 1537

The following note on a fly leaf at the beginning of the copy No 306 says that the diwan of Fasih has been printed in Muzaffarpur (Chashmah i Nûr Press)—

دیوان فصحي ~ ح ~ نورمقام مطعور طبع سد

Contents of the diwan —

fol 1^b Qasidahs

Beginning as in Ethic India Office Lib Cat No 1537 —

همن که صابر فکد بوده رخسار یار
ور دل مسب جلوه کرد حسن آسکار

fol 34^b Tarkib bands

Beginning as in Ethic India Office Lib Cat —

هر چند که من معله امسوده حصارم
در حرم خود سوخته ار ناک بهارم

fol 49^b Tarjî'bands

Beginning

ماه با مي ده كه در موسم ، خون نو بهار
تا بحون حوسنس سوزيم يكدم سعله وار

The burden runs thus

رید ، اورنگه ، حرامان حان حالپسان حسن
اي سامت رنده نام مبررا سلطان حسن

fol 51^b Qit'ahs

Beginning —

دي نو بهار صبح درون آمد ار درم
نختم مسگنده روي تر از صبح نو بهار

fol 66^a Gazals arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning

بردیم نار بر سر بطاره دیده را
کردیم رام دیده نگاه رمنده را

fol 108^b Rubâ'is

Beginning —

هرگر لَم آمساي يار ، نسود
کر نومبدي هان لال ، نسود
هرگر نکشم از سر سر ، آهي
کر سور دلم زمانه درت ، نسود

The last Rubâ'i runs thus —

اي عم كه مسافر هان ببائي
اي تاره بهار هن رهائي
گر حال به عي ر تو برسد گوي
در صفت ، چلو مروار تهايي

There are altogether one hundred and sixty Rubā is in this copy
 Written in a good Nasta'liq
 Not dated apparently 18th century

No 306

fol 15 lines (central column) 14 (marginal column) 32
 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$

The same

A smaller copy of Fasih's diwan containing only Gazals in alphabetical order and a few Rubā is

fol 1^b Gazals

Beginning —

حدايا زوي مالا نوسان سار ~ را
 که دورح ~ است آتس نوسان محبت را

For the different readings of this verso see Sprenger Oudo Cat
 p 390 and Ethe India Office Lib Cat No 1037

fol 14^b Rubā is

Beginning (on the margin) —

هرگر ~ ام زوي او را نسود
 کر موج نگاه دنده دريا نسود
 همچون مره رناده در دیده حلد
 کر لبم نگه صرف تمام نسود

The following well known Rubā is of the poet runs thus on the margin of fol 15^b —

اي زوي ترا ترخه در دين مصحف
 در حال و ~ يافه نرس مصحف
 يك نقطه سهو در همه زوي تو
 گونا خط ~ ، است ابن مصحف

The MS ends with the following Rubâ'i

راه در دوست آسکارا مسبار
 نا محرم نا بود درین ره رفنار
 نا نای - ان نه که نماید نفسی
 یا نفس قدم نا قدم خود بردار

This copy contains nineteen Rubâ'is in all

Written in a fair Nasta'liq

Dated Sha'bân, A H 1148

fol 1^b bears the signature of Sii Gore Ouseley

No. 307.

fol 30, lines 13, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, 7×4

The same

Another copy of Fasîhî's dîwân identically agreeing with the preceding copy

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated 22nd Safaî, 1276

Scribe محمد الدین بن احمد

No. 308.

fol 330, lines (centre col) 17, (margl col) 28,
 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

کلیات، قدسی

KULLIYÂT-I-QUDSÎ.

Hâjî Muhammad Jân (and not Muhammad Khân as found in Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, col 365, No 2067) Qudsî, حاجی محمد جان قدسی, the ^{Qudsî} ^{Qudsî}, was born at Mashhad. He took the poetical title Qudsî

from the holy shrine of his native place Mashhad. In his youth he performed a pilgrimage to Mecca and then came to India according to the author of the *Yad-i Bayda* in A.H. 1041 = A.D. 1631 where he found a very benevolent patron in Abd Ullah Khan Firūz Jang who came to India towards the end of Akbar's reign was raised to the rank of 6000 by Jahangir and died in Shāh Jahan's reign A.H. 1044 = A.D. 1644. 'Abd Ullah Khan as a token of appreciation of the poet's meritorious attainments handsomely rewarded him and afterwards introduced him to the court of Shāh Jahan according to the author of the *Khazanah-i Āmirah* in Rabi II A.H. 1042 = A.D. 1632. The emperor was highly pleased with Qudsi and liberally rewarded him on various occasions. The author of the *Khazanah-i Āmirah* narrates that in A.H. 1042 = A.D. 1632 Qudsi when he first interviewed Shāh Jahan addressed a Qasidah to the emperor and received a handsome reward and that on the 16th of Shawwāl A.H. 1045 = A.D. 1635 the poet was again rewarded for a poem composed on the occasion of *حسن نوروز* and that in the middle of Rabi I A.H. 1044 = A.D. 1639 he received one hundred *muhurs* for a single verse in praise of the emperor and that in the beginning of A.H. 1054 = A.D. 1644 when the poet composed a Qasidah on the occasion of the king's daughter Jahānāra's escape from a burning fire he was handsomely rewarded with gold and a *Khil'at*.

Qudsi enjoyed a reputation in no way inferior to that of his contemporary Talib-i Kalim who entered the court of Shāh Jahan only a short time before Qudsi and was honoured by the emperor with the title of *ملك السعرا*. The fact that Qudsi and Kalim both enjoying almost equal reputation lived at the same time in the court of Shāh Jahan has led several biographers *eg* the authors of the *Riyad ush-Shu'ara Majma'un Nafais Nishitar-i Ishq* etc. who are followed by Dr Ethe in his *Bodl Lib Cat* No 1102 to come to a false conclusion that Qudsi received the above title of *ملك السعرا* from Shāh Jahan Muhammad Salih in his well known work *Amal-i Salih* (vol II fol 738) which he completed in A.H. 1040 = A.D. 1649 distinctly tells us that although Qudsi was entitled to rise to the dignity of *ملك السعرا* he was forestalled by Talib-i Kalim who was honoured with the above title before Qudsi's arrival and maintained it without any change till the last —

او طالب محض نه کلمه چون کفار من هوس قرب
و دلاور طمع من معي ومن و فص أمير بود خطاب ملك السعرا
امساز يافت — اگرچه امسحاق ان - حبل القدر حاجي
محمد جان قدمي داشت اما ازين رو که بس از رسدن حاجي

او تالیق سلطان ، سرفراری یانه بود تا دم آخر برو بحال ماند و
تعبیری بدان راه یافت

Tâhir Nasrâbâdî commits a further chronological error in asserting that both Tâlib-i-Âmulî (d A H 1035 = A D 1625) and Qudsi lived at the same time in the court of Shâh Jahân, and that Qudsi occupied a higher position than Tâlib in the imperial court. A perusal of the biographical accounts of these two poets would at once reveal that Qudsi entered the court of Shâh Jahân several years after the death of Tâlib-i-Âmulî.

The statement of the author of the Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib that Qudsi was a pupil of Tâlib-i-Kalim is not supported by any other biographer and seems to be quite unfounded. Qudsi is admitted on all hands to be specially skilful in Qasidas and Masnawis. According to best authorities he died in A H 1056 = A D 1646, either in Lahore, as is mentioned by the author of the Khazânah-i-Âmirah, or in Kashmîr, where, according to some, the poet spent the last days of his life.

Tâhir Nasrâbâdî states that Qudsi left two sons, and that his remains were transferred to Mashhad.

The author of the Khulâsat-ul-Afkâi, however, gives the date of the poet's death in A H 1055 = A D 1645, but the first date is confirmed by the following chronogram composed by a contemporary poet of Qudsi —

دور از آن نعل مقدس هم رندان شد

Dr Ethé, in his India Office Lib Cat, No 1552, under a serious misconception, accuses the author of the Mu'ât-ul-Khayâl of having given the date of Qudsi's death after A H 1069 = A D 1658. The learned doctor has failed to see that the date A H 1069 is meant for the death of Shâh Jahân and not for that of Qudsi, which is said in a few lines to have taken place in A H 1055 = A D 1645 —

... و سلطان ، ملک الشعرائی که مهس نایه صا ، مسکن
است سر افراری یاف و در مده ، برای سرآمد مسکوران عهد
گشته فی شهر مه ال ، و همس و همسن شعر اصلی مساس
گردید الح

As regards the date of Shâh Jahân's death the author refers thus —

اکثری از بقاء ، براند که در تدویریه هج نادشاهی جامع ایر
هده صفا ، مستحسن تاهور نامده می و یکسال و همد ماه هندی

کامرانی گذرانده فی شهر صد الف و سح و مس در قلعه
اکبر آباد حواله مشهور است مژوی گردید و بس از حد مال
بدارالحد انشال فرمود الح

For notices on Qudsī's life and works see Tahī Nasrabadī fol 129
Majma un Nafais vol 11 fol 387 Nata'ij ul Afkar p 345 Mir'at 1
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See also Rieu 11 p 684 and 111 p 1001 W Pertsch Berlin Cat
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1057 etc etc

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The prose preface by Jalal ud Dīn Muhammad Tabataba'ī of Isfahan
(who came to India in A.H. 1044 = A.D. 1634 and became a court
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A.H. 1048 = July 23 A.D. 1638 and noticed in Ethe India Office Lib
Cat No 1502 is not found in any copy of Qudsī's works in this
library

I

fol 1^b Zafar Namah 1 Shah Jahan طغر نامه شاهجهانی also
called Zafar Namah 1 Shah Jahan Padishah طغر نامه شاهجهان پادشاه
a Masnawī relating to the exploits of Shah Jahan

Beginning —

بصد حدایی ربانم کسود
که سد محصور در وجود و خود

According to the authors of the Riyad ush Shu'ara, Ma^hkhzan ul
Gara'ib Khulasat ul Afkar and others Qudsī left this Masnawī
incomplete and it was subsequently finished by Talīb 1 Kalīm but see
Rieu 11 p 686 It is divided under the following headings —

fol 6

تولد شاهجهان

fol 7

حله شاهجهان

fol 9^b

نس ، نامه شاهجهان ،

fol 23^a

مکنه ، دسین شاهجهان

fol 24^b

سیرکسین شاهجهان

fol 27^b

مرهس مین شاهجهان بکوه رانا

fol 33^a

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تولد شاه شجاع ، فرمانان هانگیر شاهجهانرا ، دکن

fol 38^a

رؤس شاهجهان بر سر گجرات ،

fol 40^a

ح کاکره

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fol 42^b

تونه کردن شاهجهان ار شرا ،

fol 44^a

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fol 47^a

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تولد مراد بکس

fol 55^a

وما ، هانگیر

- fol 58^b • ۱۰ مدن ساهراد ها
- fol 59 خلوس ساهجهان بر نص ۱۰۱
- fol 63^b آمدن نادمه توران بر سر کابل
- fol 72 • ایلچی فرمادین بجانب ایران
- fol 75^b فتح قلعه قندهارک
- fol 77 مردن ممتاز محل
- fol 78^b تعرف مقبره ممتاز محل
- fol 79 فرمادین آصفخانرا - ر دکن
- fol 80 فتح سدر هوگلی
- fol 82^b دامادی دارا سکوه و سلطان مجاع
- fol 85^b ۱۰۰ صفدر خان بایران و ثقل نامه که ساه
صفي نوسه
- fol 88 حکم اورنگ ریب با فل
- fol 95 گرفتن قلعه دولت آباد
- fol 104 فرمادین سلطان مجاع را بدکن

fol 104^b

آچار داستان سال یاردهم

(Beginning as in Rieu, II, p 685, Art VIII, Ethé,
Bodl Lib Cat, No 1106, and Ethé, India Office
Lib. Cat, No. 1553, Art 2)

fol 105^b.

نوح آسام سرداري اسلام خان

fol 110^a.

تعريف ، ناع مرشد

fol 111^a.

روشن نادمه سردار کسمر

fol 113^a

ناغي مدن چهار سنگه سديله

fol. 117^b

نمده رنگه ، چهار سنگه سديله

fol 120^a

توجه رايه ، امر ، آياه ، نجاد ، دكي و نسكس
مرمادن عادل شاه و نادر شاه

fol 122^b

مراجعت نادمه اردكي سوي اكر آباد

fol 125^b

نامه نادمه بعليردگان

This section ends on fol 127^a with the following line —

كسي كه نامد بهس جلد آن
بود در حور ذكر شاه بهمان

fol 127^b–128^a blank

II

Another Masnawî in a different metre This section contains poems
in praise of Shâh Jahân, gardens of Kashmîr and some edifices of Shâh
Jahân's time

fol 128^b Beginning of the first poem as in The Bodl Lib Cat No 1104 and The India Office Lib Cat No 15^a Art 4 —

بم بادشاه نادرشاهان
 سر امرای ده صا - کدهان
 مداولدی که زیب کن فکان داد
 حیان را زیست از شاه حیان داد

This poem without any title here is evidently in praise of Shah Jahān and not in praise of Kashmir (ر دلذیر) as wrongly designated in the aforesaid two catalogues by Dr Fthi. The second on fol 129 is مناجات and the third fol 130 is in praise of Kashmir and begins thus —

موسا که در رماک ناک که بر
 که سر بر زد از رماک که بر

The subsequent poems are in praise of —

fol 133^b

باغ فرح بخش

fol 134^b

باغ فمض بخش

fol 135

باغ نشاط

fol 135^b

باغ حیان آرا

fol 136

باغ صادق آباد باغ نسیم , باغ الهی نور باغ

etc etc ثلاث صانور باغ نصرآرا

The poem in praise of the throne of Shah Jahān begins thus on fol 142^b —

زهی فرخنده ده , بادشاهی
 که سد سامان بنامد الهی

Dr Ethé, in his India Office Lib. Cat, No. 1552, Art 4, wrongly asserts that the chronogram

سریر نادمه برم آرای

with which this poem ends, expresses the date (A H 1044 = A D. 1634) of completion of the Masnawî entitled سر تعزیه ، کریم .

The opening line of this poem, quoted above, as well as the following concluding lines, which include the said chronogram besides one more, will at once suggest that it exclusively refers to the throne of Shâh Jahân and not to the completion of any Masnawî

سعادت ، در سر این تخت ، ار آنست
که حای ثانی صاهمیرانست
شهنشاه - حق و مجاری
شها ، الدین محمد شاه عاری
نرتبیس ملک را کرد الهام
ملک در دج مالس داد اتمام
حو تار یخس رنای برسد ار دل
نگد ، اورنگه ، شاهشاه عادل
بود تاریخ این تخت ، ملک مای
سریر نادمه برم آرای

Both the chronograms, viz, اورنگه ، شاهشاه - عادل and سریر نادمه برم آرای, express the date A H. 1044 of the completion of Shâh Jahân's throne, which the poet says was completed in course of five years This is followed by a poem in praise of حوانگاه, or the sleeping chamber of Shâh Jahân The last poem under this section on fol 143^b is on human frailty, and begins thus

مسلمانان معان دین نانوائی
که دارد در کمانم رندگانی

Compare from Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, No. 1107, where it appears as a separate poem

See also *Ethe India Office Lib Cat* No 1059, Art
fol 146 Blank

III

fol 146^b Another *Masnawī*

Beginning as in *Lthé Bodl Lib Cat* Nos 1102 Art. 3 and 1107
Art 3 *Ethé India Office Lib Cat* No 1502 Art 6 —

رنده دلي بهر تماي همد
رفت ر که ر نامي همد

fol 151 Blank

IV

fol 151^b Another *Masnawī*

Beginning as in *Ethe India Office Lib Cat* No 1002 Art 3 —

سام حداني که دور نه
نه سماء ام کرد سمان در صفت

This section consists of nearly sixty poems on various subjects each of which is indicated by a heading

fol 191^b-192 Blank

V

fol 192^b *Qasīdahs* arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning as in *Ethe India Office Lib Cat* No 1002 —

من آن نم که کم مر کسی ربع حفا
حوسع رنده مر حوس دنده ام در نا

The *Qasīdahs* are in praise of *Shah Jahan* *Shah Abbas* the Imams and others

fol 258 *Tarkīb bands*

Beginning as in *Ethe India Office Lib Cat* (*ibid*) —

اي دل که سوي ساد که انام بهار است

fol 275^b *Tarjū bands*

The first is on the death of the poet's son and begins thus —

در غرني دل و جان دور و مسم نوحه سراس
مولس جان و دلم نا بوطن در که نال است

The burden runs thus —

بهر فرزند من آنکس که دمی بوده پس
داع فرزند نه بسد ده دحا بهتر آری

fol 282^a. Qit'ahs, relating to several contemporary events each of which is dated by a chronogram

Beginning of the first Qit'ah —

تمام کرد سازی بهس ، آبادی
وضا نامر خداوند لاه ، نار حدا

fol 286^b-287^a Blank

VI

fol 287^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No. 1555 —

رود نه کردم من ، بصر داع حویس را
اول نه ، مسکند مجلس حراع حویس را

fol 323^b. Rubâ'is

Beginning —

تو چا نه دلم ندیده تر نارد
هر سو من به و دیگر نارد
دل روی ندیده دارد و دیده نامک
دو یا رسد ، صد ، نگوهر نارد

There are altogether one hundred and fifty Rubâ'is in this copy
Written in a clear Nasta'liq, within coloured borders.
Not dated, apparently 18th century

No. 309

fol 296, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

The same

Another copy of Qudsi's Kulliyât

Contents —

fol 1^b Qasidahs
Beginning as above —

من آن سم که کم مرکبی ربع حنا الح

fol 101^b Tarkib bands
Beginning as above —

ای دل چه سوی ماد که انام بهار است الح

fol 104^b Tarkib bands
Beginning —

ای کرده کرسنه را کمیدی
بر هر نکست رثار بدی

The burden runs thus —

م و مرکم سوی
نا صردری کساند ار

The above Tarkib band is found on fol 279^b in the preceding copy
fol 112^b Another series of Tarkib bands
Beginning —

سگ زمر زمر گردانم سگ آسانست
کس نمیداند که زوری من کجا زوری کسانست

fol 142^b Gazals in alphabetical order
Beginning as in Ette India Office Lib Cat No 1552 —

داده م ناده نایی که مسورد مرا
خورده ام از حام حصر آبی که مسورد مرا

fol 181^b Ruba'is
Beginning —

مردان همه ترك ترك عالم سازند
کی نصت صاد و م حم سازند
بر حرج مساره گر ندارند چه ناک
آینه زبان نگس حاتم سازند

fol 196^b Masnawî This section contains some confused series of detached Masnawîs relating to some events of Shâh Jahân's reign. These Masnawîs form a portion of the *طاهر نامہ مباحثات* already noticed under the preceding No., where the subjects are arranged in a more systematic order.

The first Masnawî begins thus

در اسی هر عهد ار روزگار
کدامینما لاه ، بروردگار

This Masnawî is found on fol 59^a of the preceding copy under the heading ، *حلووس مباحثات بر تحت مله*.

fol 164^b Another Masnawî identical with the one on fol 143^a of the preceding copy.

Beginning —

مسلمانان معان ریں ناتوانی الح

fol 268^a Another Masnawî.

Beginning —

ای رهوس گسه ~ ن تیره روز
آتشی از دل بر مرور

This poem belongs to Section III in the preceding copy.

fol 275^a Another Masnawî

Beginning

سام نادمه نادمه نادمه الح

These poems belong to Section II in the preceding copy, most of which are in praise of the gardens of Kashmîr.

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 310

fol 155 lines 20 size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ $9\frac{1}{4} \times 4$

دیوان قدسی

DÎWÂN-I-QUDSÎ

The lyrical poems of Qudsî containing -

fol 1^b Qasîdahs

Beginning -

ای غبار مقدمت رب لوی حریبل
ور صرف نعل تراست فرو مای حریبل

The Qasîdahs are arranged in alphabetical order except the first one

fol 63 Tarkîb bands

Beginning -

ای بحونم ر خط نوسه محل الح

fol 66 Tarjî bands

Beginning -

ای کرده کرسه را کسیدی الح

fol 71^b Another series of Tarkîb-bands

Beginning -

مسک در مرر مر گردانم مسک آسماست الح

fol 91^b Gâzals partially in alphabetical order

Beginning -

رود نه کردم من ' ر داغ حوس را الح

fol 129^b Rubâ is

Beginning -

دنا مطلوب طالب دین نسود
مسدای آن ۵۰ این نسود
نار دل عارب نسود حلوه دهر
آینه ر عکس کوه مسگس نسود

This copy contains about three hundred and eighty Rubā'is in all
Written in a good Nasta'liq, within coloured borders, with a
frontispiece

Not dated, apparently 18th century.

No. 311.

fol 293, lines 17, size 10 × 6, 7½ × 3½

دیوانِ سالم

DÎWÂN-I-SALÎM.

Muhammad Qulî, with the poetical title Salîm, محمد قلی سالم, was a native of Tihîân. The author of the *Yad-i-Baydâ* calls the poet a *Turushî* of the Turkish tribe. Like Mullâ Subhî, Salîm was for some time attached to Mirzâ 'Abd Ullah, governor of Lâhijân, and subsequently came to India during the reign of Shâh Jahân. Here he found a good patron in Islâm Khân, a distinguished noble of the emperor's court. Salîm's biographers relate that when the poet tried to get access to the imperial court with a *Masnawî* in praise of Kashmîr, his contemporary Kalîm, who was then a favourite poet of the imperial throne, maliciously brought to the notice of the emperor that the *Masnawî* brought by Salîm for the perusal of the emperor was originally composed by him in praise of Lâhijân, and that subsequently he changed the heading of the *Masnawî* into در تعریف کسمر "in praise of Kashmîr". This made a very bad impression on the mind of the emperor, and the poet could not succeed in securing the royal favour.

According to overwhelming authorities, *e.g.*, *Mu'ât-i-Âftâb Numâ*, *Khulâsat-ul-Afkâr*, fol 86^b, *Hamîshah Bahâr* (Spengler, *Oude Cat*, p 123), *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâr*, p 212, and several others, Salîm died in Kashmîr in A H 1057 = A D 1647, a date expressed by the chronogram

ر ص و ا ن quoted in the *Hamîshah Bahâr*, *loc cit*, and *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm*. The author of the *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, however, tells us that Salîm was buried in Burhânpur.

For notices on the poet's life see *Mu'ât-i-Âftâb Numâ*, *Tâhîr Nasîbâdî*, fol 130^b, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol 11, fol 220^a, *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm*, fol 39^b, *Nishtai-i-'Ishq*, fol 830, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*.

fol 186^b Yad i Baydi fol 99^b Khulasat ul Afkar fol 86^b Nata ul Afkar p 212 etc

Contents of the diwan —

I

fol 1^b فضا و قدر Fata and Destiny

Beginning —

مسدم روري ار حوانه نوسي
حوكل ار ناره بن حرمه نوسي
نه فكر ريدكي او را نه مري
حو سرو آرا ده تا ساح و تري
در معني نگوس خود ۵۱
سده همچون حصاي خود خرده

See Rieu ii p 496^b Ethe Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1113 1114 and 1241 47 Ethe India Office Lib Cat No 1558 Sprenger Oude Cat p 556 W Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 31 67 68 668 and 697 J Aumer p 4

The headings of all the Masnawis are omitted in this copy

On fol 10 begins another Masnawi in praise of Kashmir and its mountain —

مجن هر جا ر صع کردگار است
گواه ناي برجا کوهسار است
خصوصا کوه کردون قدر ۵۰ ر
که بغس سرند بر اثر ۵۱ ر

Cf Ethe India Office Lib Cat No 1558 where the heading of the Masnawi is wrongly styled as در برفت بهار See Ethe Bodl Lib Cat col 767

On fol 21^b A Masnawi in praise of Spring

Beginning —

تا بلبل که انام بهار است
کلسان حوسر ار آغوس يار است
صب آرا سد حسن ار بلبل و
حلمدار ساهس سر آراد

See Ethé, India Office Lib. Cat (*loc cit*), where the two headings کسمبر در تعریف , بهار and در تعریف are confounded with each other

fol 32^b Another Masnawî

Beginning —

بسم - موس رمن و آسمان را

بهر آرد خدا کار بهمان را

The line—

بسم - موس رمن و آسمان را

quoted by Ethé, India Office Lib. Cat (*loc cit*), as the opening line of a حکایت, is here the twenty-sixth line of this Masnawî

fol 34^b Another Masnawî

Beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat —

ر س مند فعل بد بهار خون مسک

The heading of this Masnawî, given by Dr Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, is “در محیط سال,” but I think it is a mistake for “در قحط سال”

fol 39^a Another Masnawî, with the same beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat —

نود در ریر ریم ناد نائی

نه انسی بلکه سوح دلربائی

The Masnawî seems to be in praise of some horse See Ethé, India Office (*loc cit*), where the heading given is (توصه , ورم و تن), probably a mistake for (توصه , توس)

fol 41^a Another Masnawî agreeing with Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, No 1112, and styled as حر دلال, or the “Ass of Coquetry” or, according to W Pertsch, Berlin Cat, p 668, حر دلال, “The Broker’s Ass”

Beginning —

ساده دلی را بی سامان دور

گست حری بهر سواری ضرور

Ethé, Bodl (*loc cit*) reads بهر مساجا instead of بهر سواری.

fol 43^b Another Maṣnawī agreeing with Ethé India Office Lib Cat (*loc cit*) where it is styled *في الهجو* or the Satire Beginning —

حامه ام بر حلف عادت خویش
مشله را که است به نیش

fol 52^b Qasīdahs

Beginning as in Ethé India Office Lib Cat (*loc cit*) —

اگر نرم سوي جسم اسکارانگ
خو ماه نو سود آلوده خارانگ

The Qasīdahs are in praise of the Imams Shah Abbas and mostly in praise of Islam Khan

fol 92^b Muqatta'at

Beginning as in Ethé India Office Lib Cat (*loc cit*) —

ای سواد همد ار کلک نگارسان حسن
کار و نار ملک هرگز این سر و سامان ندا

On fol 96^b are two Qat'ahs giving chronograms for the years 1046 and 1052

fol 94^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

دلا توئی که نثار خودت گزیده خدا
برای عشق بانی نافریده خدا

fol 288^b Ruba'is ninety three in number

Beginning —

در بحر نماند اگر از فصیح تو خوب
اورنگ صدف سود گهر را نابوب
گر آنکه راه تو بر آب رود
در آس رنگ خود بسوزد یا قوب

Some poems and detached verses are also written on the margins
Written in ordinary Nasta'liq within coloured ruled borders
Not dated apparently 18th century

No. 312.

foli 141, lines 11 (in 3 columns), size 10×7 , $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

مسنوی لها ده

MASNAWÎ-I-LATÎFAH.

A Sûfic poem in imitation of Jalâl-ud-Dîn Rûmî's Masnawî. The verses of the Qur'ân and the sayings of the prophet and other holy personages are illustrated in the form of anecdotes.

No satisfactory account of the author and his present work is available, but a careful examination of the work furnishes us with the following data.

Two verses on foli 139^b and 140^a respectively reveal the author's name as محمد ولي, Wali Muhammad—

بر ولي محمد کرم کن اي کریم
رو مگرد انس را ده مسنوم
اي ولي محمد دلب درنا سده
گوهر ناسعنه زو بدها سده

while the title of the poem occurs thus in the following concluding lines —

مد سوه بن خدا انعام او
ار لطاف ، مد لها ده نام او
جمع کردم بست نه اندر کما ،
نم مد والله اعلم نا السواء ،

The date of composition of the poem is given thus in the following lines of the epilogue on foli 140^b-141^a—

ماه دي الحقه بود و هدم ز ماه
کاي سده اين نسخه من رو نراه
در بنا گوئي ز ، حاص و عام
رور معه گسب ، اين نسخه تمام

نکته ارو می (۱) بود است سال
از زمان حجر حضا به تا حال

that is to say Friday the 7th of Duhayyah A.H. 107(?) The word after می which may be مے, سه, دو, یک is omitted and it is difficult to make out the year whether it is 1071, 1072 1073 1074 or 1075

This author is probably identical with شیخ ولی محمد نادرولی Shāykh Wali Muhammad of Nadrūl. The author of the Mukhtār ul Wā'ilīn (a copy of which exists in the Asiatic Society Bengal) who designates himself in the preface as محمد ناضل ابنی مسد Alā Abī al-Hasan al-Akbarābādī al-Madrāsī al-Qāsimī tells us that Shāykh Wali Muhammad of Nadrūl a saint of the Chishtī order died on Friday the 7th of Shawwāl A.H. 1075 = A.D. 1664 and lies buried in Akbarābād. The said author expresses the above date in two chronograms, namely ولی اعظم and قمر ارج. Now as the author of the مضر الواصلī flourished during the reign of the emperor Shāh Jahān (A.H. 1038-1060 = A.D. 1629-1658) and commenced the work in A.H. 1060 = A.D. 1650 for which the title is the chronogram it is evident that the said author was a contemporary of Wali Muhammad and the above date of the author's death seems to be correct.

The Ma'nawī begins thus on f. 11 —

محمد بهد کردگار پاک را
گافرید او ارض و هم آفاق را

Written in a clear bold Nasta'liq within gold and coloured borders with a beautiful frontispiece.

From the colophon dated A.H. 1017 it would appear that this copy was written during the lifetime of the author.

سید محمد ترمز ابنی تردی

No 313

fol 298, lines 17, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{3}{4} \times 3$

دیوان فیاض

DÎWÂN-I-FAYYÂD.

Maulânâ 'Abd-ul-Razzâq bin 'Alî bin Husayn, poetically called Fayyâd, مولانا عبد الرزاق بن علي بن حسن اللاهجي منخلص، was born in Lâhiân, but as he lived for a long time in Qum, under Shâh Abbâs II (A H 1052-1077 = A D 1642-1666), he is also known as Qummi. He was the favourite pupil of the celebrated Mullâ Sadî-ud-Dîn Muhammad bin Ibrâhîm Shîrâzî, ملا صدر الدين محمد بن ابراهيم سراري معروف، better known as Mullâ Sadrâ (d A H 1050 = A D 1640) and a friend of Maulânâ Muhsin Kâshî.

Fayyâd is the author of the well-known work *Gauhar-i-Murâd*, گوهر مراد, on metaphysics and Shî'ah theology see Rieu, 1, p 32, Rieu Suppl, No 9, Stewart's Cat, p 40, etc. His commentary on the *Tahzîb al-Kalâm*, تحزيب الكلام, has been printed in Tihân, A H 1280.

The authors of the *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ* and the *Majma'-ul-Fusahâ* say that Fayyâd also wrote a Persian commentary on the well-known work *Mawûs al-Hakm* of the celebrated saint Muhyî-ud-Dîn Ibn-ul-'Arâbî (d A H 656 = A D 1258). Besides being a good scholar and philosopher he was a poet of no mean order and has left about twelve thousand verses under the takhallus Fayyâd مناص. According to Rieu Suppl, No 324, Fayyâd died about A H 1060 = A D 1650.

A copy of his diwân is noticed in Rieu Suppl, *loc cit*.

For notices on his life and works see *Tadkîrah-i-Tâhî Nasîbâdî*, fol 89^b, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 310^a, *Majma'-ul-Fusahâ*, vol 11, fol 27^a, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib*, fol 648, *Âtash Kadah*, p 221, *Yad-i-Baydâ*, fol 180^a, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol 11, fol 364, *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, fol 1356.

Contents of the diwân

fol 1^b A prose preface, preceded by the following Rubâ'î of the poet —

مناص اول كه برم هسي آراب ،

حام من ار مي معاني سراپ ،

Beginning of the preface —

طراوت حسن حیرانی واقف الدنیه ساس بشناس فاض حلی
الاطلاق اسم الح

The preface deals with a few commendable remarks on poetry
fol 4^b Qasidals without any alphabetical order

Beginning —

ای بر فراز ۱ الا گرفته جا
پل لفته کرده هر در حیانرا بکام لا

It is remarkable that the line—

روز هر وقت صبح از افق بسازد ۲
زمانه بر کند ناله مرا آهنگ

quoted in Rieu Suppl^t as the beginning of Layy. Its diwan is identical with the opening line of Zahir Faryabi's diwan (see Vol I No 36) and is not found anywhere in this copy

The Qasidals are in praise of the prophet the Imams the poets master Mullā Sadra Mir B qar Damad Shāh Abbas and some nobles of his court

fol 102 Muqatta'at مقامات*

Beginning as in Rieu Suppl^t —

صدر جهان و عالم جان و ۱ هر فصل
ای آنکه آسالت بجان چاکری کند

The above Qit'ah is in praise of Mulla Sadra

fol 110^b Parkib bands in imitation of the Haft band of Kashi

Beginning as in Rieu Suppl^t —

السلام ای گوهرت دریای عدل و داد و دین
دات ناکب ۱ چه اوصاف رب العالمین

fol 122 Larji bands

Beginning —

بازم سر زلف خون کمندی
از هر طرفی نهاده بندی

The burden runs thus —

دستم و ترک کام گم
مناد که نکام دل دهم

fol 127^a Elegies in the form of Taikib-bands on the death of the Imâms Hasan and Husayn, and a painful description of the scene of the Battle of Karbalâ

Beginning

حالم تمام نوحه گمان از برای کسب
دوران مساه نوش من در عرای کسب

fol 132^a Another series of elegies on the death of the poet's pupil Muhammad 'Alî in the form of Taikib-bands.

Beginning —

تا کی درون مسه نگهدارم آه را
رسم (sic) مسه کم رخ دورشد و ماه را

fol 133^b–134^a Blank

fol 134^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning as in Rieu Supplt

الهي من مسر ، ده که دلگرم رنده ها
بمدانم چه مستواند این طالعن نمکده ها

fol 277^a–278^a Blank

fol 278^b Rubâ'is without any order

Beginning as in Rieu Supplt —

مناص ازل که برم هستی آراست ،
حام من از می معانی سراست ،

There are altogether one hundred and twenty-seven Rubâ'is in this copy

fol 289^a Sâqî Nâmah, ساقی نامه.

Beginning as in Rieu Supplt —

با ساقی اسما ، می مبارکی
مر هم نام خدا ناری

fol 294^b-298 Three Manawis

Beginning of the first —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
 ناره نها ر ناع حکم
 نعل مر امرار ان مدس
 مصرعه نور دنوان قاس

Written in a beautiful Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders with illuminated frontispieces and unwans on foll 1^b 4^b 13^b and 294^b

Not dated apparently 18th century

The subscription at the end has been effaced by some mischievous hands

No 314

fol 300 lines 15 size 9 × 3½ (½ × 3½)

دراں کلم

DÎWÂN-I-KALIM

Mirza Abu Talib adopted the poetical title of Kalim. There are some controversies regarding the birthplace of the poet. The fact however seems to be that he was born in Hamadan but as he lived for some time in Kāhān he is sometimes called Kāshī. After pursuing a course of studies in Shirāz Abu Talib in his youth came to India during the reign of Jahangir and attached himself to Shāh Nawaz Khān son of Mirza Rustam Safawī. Kalim returned to his native land in A.H. 1028 = A.D. 1618 which he commemorates by the chronogram **توفیق رفیق طالب** found on fol 100 of this diwān and after staying there for two years came again to India and stayed for some time with Mir Jumlaḥ poetically called Ruh ul Amin to whom Kalim addressed several poems. Shortly after Shāh Jahan's accession Kalim attached himself to the imperial court and soon became a favourite poet of the emperor. Kalim received the title of **Malik ush Shīrāzī** from the emperor and like Qudsi obtained ample rewards for composing poems on occasional events. It is related in several taḍkīrīs

that the governor of Rûm once critically asked the Mughal emperor the reason of his adopting the title of Shâh Jahân, which means the king of the world, while he was only the king of India. Kalim replied to the aforesaid governor in a poem in which he said, in the following verse, that as the (numerical) value of هند (India) and جهان (world) was the same, there could be no argument against the king's adopting the title of Shâh Jahân

هند و جهان روی عدد حوں بود یکی
بر سه عالم ، شاه جهان راں مقرر است

Muhammad Amin bin Abul Husayn al-Qazwini, in his Padishâh Nâmah, tells us that at the time of his composing the said work, i.e. in A H 1047 = A D 1637, Kalim and Qudsî were simultaneously engaged in composing two poetical accounts of Shâh Jahân's reign, both of which he calls Pâdishâh Nâmâh. Kalim was sent to Kashmîr, where he devoted himself to the composition of the above work, and died there according to Wâris on the 15th Duhajjah, in the 26th year of Shâh Jahân's reign, A H 1062 = A D 1651. This date is also given in the Mir'ât-ul-Khayâl. But the later biographers fix the poet's death in A H 1061 = A D 1650, and quote in support the following chronogram composed by Mullâ Tâhir Gani —

هـ ، کر دیوار این گلشن برید
طالبان بلبل ناع بعدم
ز ، و آخر حامه را اردم ، داد
بی ساطی کرد این ره را کدم
گه ، تاریخ و ماه ، او بی
طور معنی بود روسن ار کدم

According to overwhelming authorities Kalim died in Kashmîr and was buried there, but the author of the Mir'ât-ul-Khayâl tells us that Kalim was buried in Lahore

Tâhir gives the title of "the second Khallâq-ul-Ma'ânî," خالق المعاني نابی, to Kalim, the first being Kamâl-i-Isfahânî, who died in A H 635 = A D 1237 (see Vol I, No 54). According to the same Tâhir, Kalim left twenty-four thousand verses in all

For notices on Kalim's life and his works see 'Amal-i-Sâlih, vol II, fol 738^a, 'Abdul Hamîd's Pâdishâh Nâmâh, vol II, p 757, Tadkiyah-i-Tâhir Nasîabadî, fol 126^a, Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 351, Majma'-un-

Nafais vol II fol 396 Khazānah i Âmirah fol 297^b Miftah ut Tawārikh p 384 Mu'at ul Khayāl p 144 Mir'at ul Âlam fol 405^b Nishtar i Ishq fol 1517 Majma ul Fusḥa vol II p 28 Yad i Bayd i fol 193^b Makhzan ul Garaib fol 732 Nataij ul Afkar p 367 Khulāṣit ul Afkar etc

See also Sprenger Oude Cat p 453 Rieu II p 686 Ette Bodl Lib Cat No. 1116-1121 W Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 920 and 921 Ette Ind Office Lib Cat Nos 1563-1571 H Khāl m p 334 Kalim s diwan has been lithographed in Lucknow 1878

Contents of the diwan —

fol 1^b Qā'idhs in praise of Shah Jahan Shah Nawaz Khan Mir Jumla and mostly on Nauruz festivals and other contemporary events descriptions of buildings gardens and other edifices of Shah Jahan s reign with Tarikhs

Beginning —

سوی هر کس را که در راه طلب سر میدهد
گر در آرد اول از پا آحرص بر میدهد

fol 68^b Tarkib bands addressed on Nauruz festivals and other occasions

Beginning —

ناد نورری به سان مردها آورده است
بلبلانرا ماه نوک و نوا آورده است

fol 75 Saqi Namah in the form of Tarji band

Beginning —

ساقی حریف لب که ایام بهارا
این نصیری مرده صد بوس و کنار است

The burden runs thus —

دا ه سارم و اسرمی لاسم
که موح سراسم و گهی نار و لاسم

fol 79 Qit'as relating to several contemporary events the dates of which are expressed by the following chronograms —

fol 79

(ناریج آمدن اعلیحضرت بلاهور)
بجانب را سعادت حاوید روی داد

fol. 82^b

(تاریخ کسبه پیدن صلاحیان)
کنا ، از ماتم او سد جگرها

fol 82^b

(تاریخ قو ، صادقان)
مبال تاریخ این هنر ماتم
هنر ، در ارمیده حاسور

fol. 89^b–90^a Chronograms on the births of Dârâ Shikûh, Shâh Shujâ', Aurangzîb, and Murâd Bakhsh

fol 91^b

(تاریخ بر گسین ار کابل)
دیوار ملک سلیمان نار گسب

fol 92^b

(تاریخ . ح بلخ)
بلخ مبارک بود سانه یردان

fol. 94^a–95^b On the marriages of Aurangzîb, Dârâ Shikûh, and Shâh Shujâ'

fol 96^a

(قو ، نواحه ابو الحسن)
نا امیر المومنین محسور ناد

fol 96^a

(قو ، مبار معل)
صعدهم ربن الم نعی ندد

fol 98^a

(قو ، ملک مہی)
نصنم مبال نار بختس رایام
نگهنا او سر اهل سخن بود

fol 100^a A Masnawî under the heading کناه دوله شاه ساهی
Beginning —

رہی دلنسن . هر آرامه
نباغ . همان سرؤ بو حامه

fol 101^b Another Masnawī under the heading مسوي كانه
 عمارت ماهوار خان .

Beginning —

رهي قصري كه گردون دهد تاج
 سخن را برده تعريف بمعراج

fol 103-146^b Several Masnawīs of different metres relating to the descriptions of the gardens in Kashmīr and buildings of Shah Jahan s time

The longest Masnawī fol 147-159^b is a description of the flight and pursuit of Jajhar Singh

fol 161^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

بدل کردم "تي حاء" رهد و ناي را
 رساندم تات ار بن مي بساد نقوي را

fol 353 Ruba is

Beginning —

هر چند که مرد مول و مجلس نه است
 برداشتن برده ر کارمن گنه است
 رسوا شود آنکه میدرد برده کس
 در طلب براند و محاکم رومنه است

There are ninety nine Ruba is in this copy and the last one runs thus —

اي نا املك حقد القلب نسه
 رفعت در ناي كر
 طاق بوظاں كهكسان - ان سد
 ماسد دوا بروي نهم نوسه

Written in ordinary Nasta liq within gold ruled borders with an ordinary frontispiece

Not dated, 19th century

No. 315.

fol 266, lines 10, size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4$.

The same.

Another copy of Kalīm's dīwān, containing Ġazals in alphabetical order and Rubā'is

Beginning as in the preceding copy

دل کردم بسنی عالم ، رهد ربائی را الح

fol 258^b Rubā'is

Beginning as in the preceding copy —

هرحد که مرد مول و مجلس تنه ام ، الح

This copy contains only fifty-four Rubā'is

Written in a bold, clear Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with a fairly decorated frontispiece and 'unwān.

Not dated, apparently 17th century

No. 316.

fol 518, lines 14, size $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4$, $6 \times 2\frac{3}{4}$

پادشاه نامه

PÂDISHAH NÂMAH.

A poetical account of Shâh Jahân's reign

By Tâlib Kalīm

The title Pâdishâh Nâmah is given in the colophon. It is also called Shâh Nâmah, شاه نامه, or Shahinshâh Nâmah, شاهنشاه نامه.

See Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, p 454, Rieu, II, p 687^a

Compare also J Aumei, p 96

Beginning

سام حدائی که از سون خود

دو عالم را کرد و مایل بود

It contains the account of Shah Jahān's ancestors from Timūr to Humayūn his accession to the throne down to the tenth year of his reign and ends with the account of Zafar Khān's expedition to Tibet (A H 1046-7 = A D 1636-7)

The concluding verse runs thus —

حواسال این ماه گردون سرور
نشد دگر در جهان ملعه گیر

The colophon runs thus —

کتاب الکاتب نادر شاه نامه من مـ اب طالب کلم روحه الله
روحه في التاريخ ٩ شهر ربيع الاولی سنة الف و مائة و تسعه

That is the 9th of Rabi I A H 1109

For other copies of the Padishah Namah see Sprenger Oude Cat p 454 Rieu n p 387 Fthe India Office Lib Cat No 1570 See also J Aumer p 96

Written in a clear Nasta'liq within gold and coloured ruled borders with an ordinary frontispiece

No 317

fol 20 lines 14 size 8 × 5 6 × 3

The same

Another copy of the same Padishah Namah
Beginning as above with a slight alteration —

نام کریمی که از فرط خود
دو عالم خطا کرد و سائل نمود

On comparing with the preceding copy it is found that this copy wants thirty six lines after the initial line while the third and the fourth verses of this copy are not found in the preceding one Again

the last three verses of the preceding copy are wanting here, and it breaks up with the following line —

طغر خان ریح و طاهر ساد مان
نکسیر اران مملکت سد روان

fol. 1, supplied in a later hand, contains the signature of Sir Gore Ouseley

Written in an ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 17th century

No. 318.

fol 75, lines 15, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3$.

از بخار، دیوان ملا نسبی

A SELECTION FROM THE DÎWÂN OF NISBATÎ.

Beginning

در لرله آورده ار نار رمی را
یکره سر نائی برن ابی خاک نسبی را

Maulânâ Nisbatî was born in Thânisai, near Lahore. He was a poet of the Sufistic tendency, and is said to have recited poems with great pathos. Ârzû, in his *Majma' un-Nafâ'is*, vol. 11, fol. 484^b, says that he was on intimate terms with Nisbatî's cousin Gayrat, and that he very minutely studied the dîwân of Nisbatî, which consisted of fifteen thousand verses, out of which Ârzû made a selection of three thousand verses. Muhammad Sâlih Kanbûhî, in his *'Amal-i-Sâlih*, vol. 11, fol. 743^a, says that in A. H. 1062 = A. D. 1651, on his way from Lahore he visited Nisbatî in Thânisai. Tâhîr Nasrâbâbî, fol. 267^a, says that Nisbatî died when Zafar Khân Ahsan (d. A. H. 1073 = A. D. 1662) was the governor of Kâbul.

The selection from Nisbatî's dîwân ends on fol. 53^b with the following line —

مہب گہم برخ برقع مگندی
مرا از روی خود سرموده کردی

fol 13 A list of the kings from Himar down to Akbar II with dates of their birth accession and death

fol 15 Chronograms giving the dates of birth and death of the Imams and some of the distinguished saints and poets

A very rare and unique copy Not mentioned in any other catalogue

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 19th century

No 319

fol 17a lines 2-10 size 8½ x 6 6 x 7½

The name

Another copy of selections from the poems of Nishati smaller than the preceding

Beginning —

بکوی یار بنا کرده اند ماه ما

بساح رنگ بهادند آساره ما

The Couzals are arranged in alphabetical order

fol 131-132 Flunk

fol 132 Rula is in alphabetical order

Beginning —

با ما ز به رومست اسطد دنیا

لاف دنیا به گراف دنیا

این هر دو مخالفت بین آید راست

دنیا بهای ما و ما بهای دنیا

The number of Rula is is twenty-eight

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated A very modern copy

No. 320.

foll. 392, lines 16, size $12 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5$.

ديوان مسیح

DÎWÂN-I-MASIḤ.

Hakīm Rukn-ud-Dīn Mas'ūd, حکیم رکن الدین مسعود, also known as Ruknā with the takhallus Masīḥ, was the son of Hakīm Nizām-ud-Dīn 'Alī of Kāshān. Masīḥ at first entered the services of Shah 'Abbās, the Great, of Persia; but having incurred the king's displeasure he left the court, it is said, after reciting the following verse —

گر ملک یک صخدم تا من گران نامد مرش
شام سرون مرسوم چون آما ، ار کسورس

The poet then left for India with his famous contemporary Hakīm Sadrā, afterwards known as Masīḥ uz-Zamān, arriving at the court of the emperor Akbar in A H 1011 = A D 1602. After the death of this emperor Masīḥ attached himself to the courts of Jahāngir and Shāh Jahān. Masīḥ enjoyed warm favours from Shāh Jahān, and it is said that after the poet's death his nephew Rahmat Khān, also known as Hakīm Diyā ud-Dīn, was provided by the emperor with good posts, which he continued to enjoy till the time of his death during the reign of Aurangzib in A H 1075 = A D 1664.

At a ripe age Masīḥ retired on a handsome pension from the services of Shāh Jahān, and after performing a pilgrimage to Mecca returned to his native land Kāshān. Some biographers hold that the great poet Sā'ib was a pupil of Masīḥ. Besides being an eminent poet, Masīḥ was a physician of good standing and great repute. Most of his poems are of mystical character, and it is said that he was looked upon by some people as their spiritual leader. His contemporary biographer, Tāhī Nasībādī, saw no less than ten diwāns of the poet. According to some, Masīḥ left about 100,000 verses.

According to Taqī Kāshī, Masīḥ left an Arabic book on medicine which he called صاغة العلاج. Tāhī Nasībādī says that Masīḥ died in Kāshān at an advanced age in A H 1066 = A D 1655, and gives the following chronogram (also quoted by Saikhwush), the numerical value of which makes only a very slight difference from the date —

رفت نسوي فلك نار مسیح دوم

Arzū places the poet's death in A H 1060 = A D 1649 the author of the *Mir'at ul Alam* fixes it in A H 1057 = A D 1647 and the author of the *Khul'at ul Kalam* in A H 1070 = A D 1659 while in Beales Biographical Dictionary it is A H 1056 = A D 1646

For notices on Mas'ih's life and his works see besides the references given above Rien n p 603 and 688 Ethic Bodl Lib Cat No 1110 where a Ma nawā entitled *حصا و مدر* by this Mas'ih is mentioned Ethic India Office Lib Cat No 1572 Sprenger Oude Cat p 90 *Padshah Namah* vol 1 p 349

Contents —

fol 1^v Qasidahs beginning as in Ethic India Office Lib Cat —

ای حساب غم تو بر انگ
وی کلید غم تو هر انگ

fol 366 Qit'ahs beginning —

حصوی حدایت هر مر مو تر وجود من

fol 343 Rubais beginning —

ما غیر کتاب عشق از بر نکسم
حر درد ضعیی بخور این سر نکسم
هر حد سه گلم و مانم رده ام
این سام ای ح کس برادر نکسم

The colophon runs thus —

تبت هذه دیوان چهارم از اب جالسوس الرمان حکم
دوران نافع الطلق حکم رکن الدین مسعود بقلم مسکسه
رمز ملا ه از دهلوی نومه سد تاریخ خارد هم صفر در بلده
دهلی مه ۱۲

probably 1104 A H

Written in a fair bold Nasta'liq

No. 321.

fol 207, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

منوی رامان

This poem, also called رام و سببا, dealing with the story of Râm and Sîtâ, is the work of the same Masîh

The copy is slightly defective at the beginning, and opens thus —

دادم خون کسم ساعر من مسب الخ

See Rieu, p 689^a

The headings are written in red

Written in fair Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No. 322.

fol 93, lines 23; size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$.

The same

Another copy of the same Masnawî.

Beginning as in Rieu, p 689 —

خداوندا ز حام حسن کن مسب
که از منی مسالم بر جهان دم

Written in a careless Nasta'liq, within coloured borders

Dated A H 1217.

Scribe بهوانی سنگه ولد رور آور مسکه

No 323

foli 431 lines 20 size $14 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان حادق

DÎWÂN-I-HÂDIQ

A very large collection of the poetical works of Hâdiq

Hakim Hâdiq son of Hakim Humam bin Maulana Abd ur Razzâq Gilani حکیم حادق بن حکیم همام بن مولانا عبد الرزاق گیلانی, was born at Fathpûr Sikrî during the reign of Albar. Having lost his father at an early age Hâdiq had to depend entirely on self tuition for his education and shortly after during the reign of Jahangîr he gained a fair reputation as a writer both of prose and of poetry. He rose to eminence during the reign of Shah Jahan who made him commander of fifteen hundred and subsequently sent him on a mission to the Uzbek prince Imam Quli Khan and in the fourth year of the reign honoured him with the confidential post of عرص مکرر. Subsequently Hâdiq was raised to the rank of three thousand and afterwards for some reason having lost his Mansab he began to lead a retired life at Âgrah on an annual pension of twenty thousand rupees which in the eighteenth year of the emperor's reign was raised to forty thousand. Although Hâdiq was a poet of some distinction he was very quick tempered and vain so much so that he supposed himself superior even to Anwarî and whenever his diwan which he kept in an ornamented case was brought in the presence of his visitors they were expected to rise by way of showing respect to the book. For some time Hâdiq was engaged in writing the Maasir-i-Sahibqiran but when other scholars joined in the work of composition Hâdiq retired from the field.

Hâdiq passed his last days at Âgrah where he died in A.H. 1068 = A.D. 1658

For notices on the poet's life see Maasir ul Umara vol. 1 p. 587 Âin-i-Akbari p. 474. See also Riyad ul-h-Shu'arâ, Mahkizan ul-Qar'ib Nihât ul-Ihâq etc.

A copy of Hâdiq's diwan is mentioned in Rieu Supplement No. 325

Contents

fol 1^b Qasîdahs without any alphabetical order
Beginning

نار دل بر آستان کعبه خان میبزم
این بیابانرا نه امید بیابان میبزم

fol 83^a Gazals in alphabetical order
Beginning

ساق ناره کن طرر آشنائی را
نآفتاد ، بیاور طرر رود بیائی را

This copy ends with some Qasîdahs

Written in different hands, apparently in 12th century A H

No. 324.

fol 184, lines 18, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $7\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$

The same

A smaller copy of Hâdîq's diwân containing Qasîdahs, Gazals and Rubâ'is

fol 1^b Qasîdahs The first folio is written in a modern hand, and is full of mistakes The first two verses are hopelessly wrong, and the third runs thus —

ر یس خدمت تسب این سخن مرآئی من
وگر نه مده (مدح) بو گس کجا و سده کجا

fol 57^a Gazals in alphabetical order
Beginning —

وصه ، رس او نگشد در سارتهای ما
ار لطافتهای او رسوا اسارتهای ما

fol 174^b Rubâ'is
Beginning —

حاجو رکها ترا نه مان آوردند
دارامگه عدم توان آوردند

Written in a fair Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 12th century A D

This copy bears at the beginning the signature of Gore Onseley

No 325

lines 20 lines 11 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

حُلَّةٔ سَاهِجَان

HULYAH-I-SHÂH JAHÂN

A Masnawî describing the physical features of Shah Jahan with the following heading at the beginning —

حله مبارک مہاب الدین محمد صاحبِ ثران نالی ساه جهان
نادیادہ غازی —

The poem is introduced by the following red bayt —

حله ماعسہ دین پرور گیتی سان
طل بردان نالی صاحبِ ثران ساه جهان

Beginning of the poem —

الہی ناقبال و نا فرو سان
جهان ناد دایم رساه جهان

The headings are throughout represented by red bayts

The author does not mention his name anywhere but from the appearance of the MS and its splendours etc it appears that it was written for the Royal Library of Shah Jahan to whom probably the reference is made in the following colophon —

بازبح مال بسم حلوس فروری ما لوس کمرین حر الدنسان
مسح مہاب مرسی در لاهور لکاسب

Written in a beautiful, clear, bold Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders.
The binding is beautifully gilded

No. 326.

fol. 76, lines 25, size 11 x 5½, 8 x 11

کلیات مولا

KULLIYÂT-I-MULLÂ SHÂH.

Mulla Shâh Muhammad, known also by the epithet of Lasan Ullah, was the son of Mullâ 'Abd Muhammad (or according to Rien ii, p 890, Mullâ 'Idî), the Qâdî of Arksî (in Rien Ark), a place near Rûstak in Badakhshân. From an early age Mulla Shâh had a religious turn of mind, and when in A H 1023 = A D 1614, he came to India, hearing the reputation of the celebrated Miyân Shâh Mir Qalandar of Lahore, he adopted him as his spiritual guide. Mullâ Shâh's piety, coupled with his scholarly attainments, gained for him the reputation of one of the greatest learned saints of his age, and soon attracted the attention of the nobles and princes of the country. Dârâ Shikûh, one of the most accomplished princes of the Timuride sovereigns of India and a great admirer of Sufism, placed himself under the discipleship of Mullâ Shâh, who initiated the prince in A H 1040 = A D 1639 to the Qâdî order. A long notice on the life of Mullâ Shâh is given by this prince in his well-known Sakinat ul-Auliya. After the death of his spiritual guide, Miyân Mir, which took place on the 7th Rabî' I, A H 1045 = A D 1636, August 21, Mullâ Shâh went with his disciples to live permanently in Kashmîr in a monastery built for him at the expense of Dârâ Shikûh and his sister Jahân Ârâ Begum. Besides the works named below, Mullâ Shâh has also left a prose work entitled تذکرہ معرایی معاصرین, and an unfinished commentary on Sûfî lines on the Qur'ân. He died either in Kashmîr or in Lahore in A H. 1072 (A D 1661, 1662).

For notices see Mu'ât-ul-Khayâl, p 198, Rien, vol ii, pp 690, 691, Bodl Cat, col 209, Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 128, Tadkînah-i-Âîrû, fol 198^b, Etbe, India Office Cat, No. 1580, W. Peritsch, Berlin Cat, pp 921, 922, etc., etc.

VOL I

Commentaries on some Surahs

Preface beginning —

الحمد لله الذي له كتاب لطفه وفيها كتاب الله الح

In the preface the author mentions that he named the commentary
 سورة ر and سورة ر which gives the date of the composition

A II 1056

fol 2^b

Beginning of the commentary on سورة فاتحه —

ما ابتداه بكنه

ما المسد به اي سي الح

سورة نقر fol 6^b

Beginning —

الم دالك الكتاب لارب فيه

كنه الف يعني الله لام يعني لالدي

سورة آل عمران fol 2

Beginning —

آلم مد مر بان الالف واللام والميم سابقا الح

The last thirty three out of 200 (two hundred) verses are wanting

سورة يوسف fol 68^b

Beginning of the commentary —

بسم آكنه يوسف مرمرو يوسف

مكدر خاطري دن اران يوسف

The commentary is illustrated with verses throughout

No. 327.

fol 255, lines and size the same as above.

VOL. II

Collections of the poetical works of Mullâ Shâh.

Contents

رساله بسم الله

It is preceded by a preface beginning

الحمد لمن قال الح

This Risâlah is on the subject of the initial formula, in the metre of Nizâmîs Makhzan-ul-Asîâ, and contains 3,012 bayts

The Masnavî itself begins —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
حال وحوادث وركه ، وقد مسهم

fol 25^b رساله حمد وعب و مصف ،

Beginning

حمد الله رب العالمين

fol 73^b يومه ، رلجا

Beginning the same as in Ethé, India Office Cat, No 1580

الهلل حسن يومه ، ده سائرا

fol 126^b رساله دنوانه

Beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat —

مرا دنوانه دارد هومساري

fol 134^b رساله مرشد

Beginning the same as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat —

حمد داني را كه احصل دانه ما مست

fol 144^b رساله ولوله

Beginning the same as in Fthc India Office Lib Cat —

ار ولوله وصال يارم

fol 172^b رساله هوس

Beginning the same as in Ethc India Office Lib Cat —

طرر خاموسي و طرح گفسي

fol 185^b رساله تعريفات حالها و ناخات و مازل

Preceded by a prose —

آغاز تعريفات حالها و ناخات و مازل که بر دلپذير محفي

بنامد الح

The poem always begins thus like the same in Ethc India Office Lib Cat —

نکم ماه مود و صفي حد الح

fol 194^b رساله 3

Beginning —

حد را 1 بي است نا تو درست الح

The collection of the o Masnawis is a very valuable and a unique one Fthc in his India Office Cat (No 1580) mentions that they are not found in many copies of Mulli Shih's works

No 328

fol 211 lines and size same as above

Vol III

fol 1^b رساله ماهه

Beginning the same in Fthc India Office Lib Cat —

اي نوساه جهان و تو دارا الح

fol 48^b دیوان اول in alphabetical order

Beginning —

لهذا معنی گردد و معنی لهذا آید ترا
هم معنی نس شود هر گاه تا لهذا آید

fol 107^b دیوان دوم in alphabetical order

Beginning

حمد آنرا که مرا دیدۀ روشن دادا
در تویی برین سینه خود نکسدادا

A collection of *Gazals* in alphabetical order in the form of letters from a lover to a beloved

fol 134^b Beginning —

حرف ، ما را نسوید امروز از معشوق ما
مهرهای ما همه در دید از صدوق ما

fol 138^b ، شرح رباعیات. Ruba'is in alphabetical order with comments on them

Beginning —

در شرح آمد چهارده سطر طاهر
تا ثانی بران چهار نور ناهر

fol 242^b ، رقعات. Letters

Beginning —

انسان مومنی نطق ، و ریاض ، را خون گذرگاه عرش الح

fol 268^b قصاید عربی

Beginning

هو اراتك في الكل لدار ، دوما الح

All the three volumes which form the complete *Kulliyât* of Mullâ Shâh are written by one scribe in a beautiful minute *Nasta'liq*, within gold-ruled borders, with nicely illuminated frontispiece at the beginning. The original folios are mounted with new margins

Not dated, 12th century

No° 329

foli 230 lines 9 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$

کتاب ا- ن

KULLIYÂT-I-AHSAN

An autograph copy of the works of Zafar Khan

Khawajah Mirza Ahsan Ullah whose talhallus was Ahsan خواجا میرزا احسان مرزا, was the son of Abul Hasan Lurhati. In the 19th year of Jahangir's reign A.H. 1033 = A.D. 1623 Ahsan was appointed governor of Kabul on the transfer of Mahabat Khan and received the title of Zafar Khan with the mansab of 1000 which was subsequently raised to 2000.

In the fifth year of Shah Jahan's reign (A.H. 1041 = A.D. 1631) he was deputed to Kashmir as a governor which position he held down to the twenty sixth year of that emperor's reign after which he was transferred to Latah. He married Buzurg Khanum the daughter of Sayf Khan and by this union was born Inayat Ullah Ashina better known as Mirza Muhammad Ishaq Ashina (see Masir vol II p. 16). Ahsan began his poetical career in A.H. 1032 = A.D. 1623.

Besides being a noble of great influence in the courts of Jahangir and Shah Jahan Zafar Khan was a skilled soldier and personally undertook several expeditions.

In the lengthy preface to this diwan he makes the following statements. That at the age of eighteen he wrote a Minawi which was thus chronogrammed by Saib to show the date of its composition —

تاریخ سریع مواسم ؟ خرد

نونداد روزمان فکر احسن خرد

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That between the date of composition of the said Minawi and the time he was engaged in writing this diwan a period of twenty three years intervened most of which he spent in the learned society of several distinguished poets eg — نادم گلانی — روتھی همدانی — نادم گلانی — حکیم رکن الدین مسعود and others. That when he went to Kabul he again had an opportunity of associating with such eminent poet as صوفی همدانی — وارسته — ملا رعبی — حکیم صبا الدین بوسب

and *میر الهی* That his sudden return to Akbarābād deprived him of the learned society of the above-named poets, which he was deeply regretting, when suddenly he was sent to Kashmīr as governor of that place by Shāh Jahān, and there he was able to cultivate his poetical talents in the society of several distinguished poets, amongst whom he particularly mentions the names of *مولانا در محمد صالی*, from whom he also learnt the art of calligraphy, *فاسی محمد* and *محمد مقدم جوهری*, *فاسی راده* and *فاسی راده*, and he speaks with special enthusiasm of *فاسی راده* and *فاسی راده*. He further mentions the names of *کلام*, *طال*, *آملی*, *محمد حان قدسی*, whose company he enjoyed on one of his visits to Kashmīr. That it was in A H 1053 = A D 1643, while he was writing this preface, his son 'Ināyat Ullah Āshnā (d A H. 1081 = A D 1670) was born. That a few years previously he had arranged a dīwān which was not quite after his ideal, and that in the composition of the next dīwān, which contained Maṣnawīs, Gazals and Rubā'īs, he was greatly assisted by *میر محمد ناصر علوی* and *میر محمد قروایی*, who were his constant companions and friends of twenty years' standing. The date of composition, A H. 1053 = A D 1643, of the present dīwān is given by Tālib-i-Kalīm in the following line

گلهای که حد از من طبع دهنده شد

It is further requested in this preface that if any one happens to see the first dīwān, he should consider the same obsolete and should in every respect give preference to the second dīwān, that is, the present one

Ahsan died in A H 1073 = A D 1670

See Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 1601, Rieu, II, p 687^a, Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, No 49, Saikhwush (Spienger, Oude Cat, p 109), Snaj (Oude Cat, p 149), Spienger, p 325, Majma'un-Nafā'īs, fol. 20^a, Ma'āsir-ul-Umarā, vol II, pp 752-763

Contents

fol 1^b Preface, beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat —

نیل حوس الحان قلم در سنا سرای دمن ای الح

This
goes
The

shorter than the one in the following copy
preface, beginning —

حمد بعد و مسام بعد مر بهر ، واه

بکر سر را سراب ، الح

fol 12^b مافي نامه تر جمع بد

Beginning —

لي لسا مي در سر من هوس شمار است
لي لغه تر آسه دل حس شمار است

fol 1^a (a⁹als in alphabetical order

Beginning as in Lith. India Office Lib Cat —

جو گردد سرمساري در صامت حذر حواه ما
بسورد سرمس — ان حلق از برق آه ما

fol 1^r1 Rubric in alphabetical order fifteen in number

Beginning —

اسفوده سد از حجر تو هگامه ما

The initial Rubric quoted in Lith. India Office Lib Cat is not found in this copy

fol 154^b Ma nawī which is entitled on fol 162 as حلوه نار —

ازان نامس نهادم حلوه نار
که کرده دفتر حس بیان نار

fol 19^a Another preface

Beginning —

صاف نویسان خطابه افلاک ده لسا حمد ناده نسایي مرحومسد
الح

fol 198^b Another Ma nawī called مساعده راز and completed in six months (vide fol 228^b) —

نسس ماه این لسا منظوم ؟
مساعده راز موسوم کسب

In the epilogue a prose piece the author enumerates all his works and gives with precision the number of verses in the diwan

In the following colophon we are told that this copy was written by Ahsan himself —

راحمدا احسن الله بن ابوالصن المطاطب بطرمان

A splendid copy, beautifully illuminated throughout
Written in fair Nasta'liq
Not dated.

No. 330.

fol 102, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان ظاهر خان احسن

DÎWÂN-I-ZAFAR KHÂN AḤSAN.

fol 1^b Preface, beginning as in the first copy

fol 8^b Gazals, in alphabetical order, beginning as above

This copy is incomplete and breaks off with one or two Gazals under the letter م.

Written in fair Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with an illuminated frontispiece The original folios are placed in new margins.

Not dated, apparently 12th century A H

No 331.

fol 71, lines 13, size $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, 5×3

دیوان کاشی

DÎWÂN-I-KÂSHÎ.

A very rare copy of the poetical works of Mîr Yahyâ, who adopted the poetical title of Kâshî The poet's ancestors originally belonged to Shîrâz, but as his father emigrated to and settled in Kâshân, the poet is better known as Kâshî Tahî Nasîbâdî says that Qâdî Yahyâ and Mîr Yahyâ were two different persons, the former, he says, was a native of Lâhijân, but that, on account of his frequent residence in Kâshân, he is known as Kâshî, and the latter, according to the same author, was a native of Qum, but strange to say, that the above author

quotes the same verses under the lives of both the poets. In some of Kashī's verses quoted by Ārzū in which the poet while expressing his hatred of Kāshān the poet clearly admits that he originally belonged to Shirāz and that his father emigrated to Kashān —

بدرم این خطا ر عرفان کرد
که ر سرار جا نکامان کرد
روح من زان بلند پروار ا
کلم از خاک ناک سرار است

Kashī came to India during the time of Shah Jahan by whom he was appointed royal librarian کتاب دار. Here Kashī enjoyed the learned society of Haji Muhammad Jan Qudsī, Abu Talib Kalim and other eminent poets. Besides Qasīdahs, Gazals and Rubā'is he wrote several Masnawīs.

The author of the Yad i Bayda places Kashī's death in A.H. 1064 = A.D. 1653 and gives the following chronogram —

احصای سخن جو کرد بصی جان داد

For notices on the poet's life see Riyad ush Shu'arā loc. cit. Majma'un Nafā'is vol. II fol. 40^b Yad i Bayda fol. 248

fol. 1^b Qasīdahs

Beginning —

لرم سد از صدمه دوران ر بس هر استخوان
دمب من در آئین معری بود در استخوان

The Qasīdahs are in praise of the prophet Shah Jahan, Alimardan Khan, Sid Ullah Khan and others.

fol. 40^b Qit'ahs giving the dates of several contemporary events

Beginning —

خدا داد بصی ساد جهان
که بی سعی کامس روان مسود

The last Qit'ah gives the date of Haji Muhammad Jan Qudsī's death fol. 40. Short Masnawīs the first beginning —

کمان کج د . و سخن راست سد

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Written in fair Nasta'liq
Not dated

No 330.

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دیوان ظفر خان احسن

DÎWÂN-I-ZAFAR KHÂN AHSAN.

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fol 8^b Ġazals, in alphabetical order, beginning as above

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که در سرار خاک ناکامان کرد
روح من زان بلند پرواز
کلم از خاک ناک سرار است

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احیای سخن جو کرد نصی جان داد

For notices on the poet's life see Riyāḍ uṣṣh Shu'arā, *loc. cit.* Majma'un Na'ais vol. II fol. 540^b Yad ī Bayda fol. 248

fol. 1^b Qasīdahs

Beginning —

لرم صد از صدمه دوران ز بس هر استخوان
دمب من در آئین معری بود در استخوان

The Qit'ahs are in praise of the prophet Shah Jahan, Alimardan Khān, Sayid Ullāh Khān and others.

fol. 40^b Qit'ahs giving the dates of several contemporary events.

Beginning —

خدا داد نصی ساه جهان
که بی معی کامس روان مسود

The last Qit'ah gives the date of Hajī Muhammad Jan Qudsī's death fol. 40. Short Maṣnawīs the first beginning —

کمان کج ، ب و سخن راست مد

fol 45^a Another Masnawî حکایہ ، قلمدان.

Beginning

سام خداوند لوح و قلم

fol 50^a Another Masnawî معدر ، نامه.

Beginning —

، نه گرگم نه بومه ، در این دورگار

fol 51^b A Masnawî entitled آنسکده.

Beginning —

بدورج بگذرد ناکی — سام

fol 53^b Another Masnawî called توده نامه.

The manuscript ends with some satirical Qit'ahs and a subscription in prose

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No. 332.

fol 198, lines 19, size $7\frac{3}{4} \times 4$, $5\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$.

دیوان والہ

DÎWÂN-I-WÂLIH.

Meagre accounts of the poet's life are found in a few Tadhkirahs only. In his preface to the diwân the poet designates himself on fol 4^b as Daiwîsh Husayn Wâlih Harawî, درویش حسن والہ هروی. That the name of his father was Shaykh Gulâm 'Alî we come to know from some of the poet's poems, *e g*, on fol 24^b we read

امام صومعه در میان علام علی

نعم مروری را به نواح امکانی

منزله والد و مایسته مرشد والہ

وحد آگهی و معنی مسلمانان

Walih was a pupil of the celebrated Fasih Anarī (vide above) to whose praise he devotes a great portion of his preface and also addresses several poems found in the diwan. From the first three Qit'as on fol 66 it would appear that the poet had altogether three sons one of whom born in A.H. 1040 = A.D. 1630 was called Muhyi ud Din and another in A.H. 1047 = A.D. 1632 who was named Gulam Ali after the name of the poet's father and that out of the three sons the second was the worst. From the chronogram expressing the date A.H. 1040 of the poet's son Muhyi ud Din who as the poet says was born to him at the age of fifty we can conclude that Walih was born in about A.H. 990 = A.D. 1582. The author of the *Majma'un Nafais* says that Walih came to India during the reign of Shah Jahan but several poems and verses e.g. on fol 63 —

حسرو ملک خدا فرما بروای بحر و بر
ماه نور الدینی جهانگیر این اکبر نادمه

suggest to us that the poet was in India even during the reign of Jahangir. He lived in Penglal for some time and to this he repeatedly refers in the diwan and Mirza Abdul Qadir Bidil is said to have visited Walih several times. The same author of the *Majma'un Nafais* tells us that Walih also left a *Masnavi* in the style of the celebrated Khaqani's *Tuhfat ul Iraqayn*. In addition to some poems in praise of the emperors Jahangir and Shah Jahan several chronograms on events the dates of which range from A.H. 1024–1075 = A.D. 1615–1664 lead us to conclude that the poet was still alive till the latter year and attained a fairly old age.

For notices on Walih's life see *Majma'un Nafais* vol II fol 518 *Yad-i Bayd* fol 23, ^b *Sarkhawush* (under the letter و) and *Nishtar-i Ishq* fol 1905. A copy of the poet's diwan is mentioned in *Sprenger Oude Cat* p 388.

Contents of the diwan —

fol 1^b Preface

Beginning —

نائب خدای عوالم وجود حمد نا همد احرای معرب ار ادراک
که واحد مفرد بجهل ۱ مرکب است

In this preface the poet after praising God and the prophet lavishes praises at great length upon his master Fasih.

fol 5 Blank

fol ۷^b Qasidas in praise of God the prophet Mirza Fasih ^{Shaykh} Gulam Ali ^{Piqar} Khum Itimad ud Daulah and several other nobles of Jahangir and Shah Jahan's court

Beginning —

ای یویران جانهای شک دلها ساخته
گرچه بجائی نراید ، جانها جا ساخته

fol 45^b Blank

fol 46^a Tajīb-bands, mostly in praise of Muzâ Jân Beg,

Beginning —

بسکه گردیده ام اندر طلب ، حای بجای
دم آید ، که بسرون روم از ملک حدای

There is a lacuna after fol 60^b

fol 61^a Tajīb-bands, in praise of Mu'taqid Khân Some verses from the beginning of the first Tajīb-band are missing, and it opens with the following line —

ره کمان بسویت میکشد عدو گه رزم
کجا است ، آنکه کند حاد ، بسویت ، کمان

The burden runs thus

مسخرانده ر نفس نگین سلسبان کرد
و خلق و مرهمب عام معتمد خان کرد

Again there is a lacuna after fol 61^b

fol 62^a Qit'ahs with chronograms on events ranging from 1042-1075

Beginning of the first Qit'ah —

واله در درویشی اگر رد نه گرامست ،
در نعت ره فصل نیست ، ایست ، مر آرا

Some Qit'ahs are satirical

fol 77^a Blank

fol 77^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

حدا یا سگهان همگان دل ما درد میدانرا
حو گلس از تو بر سر میرد گلجای حدانرا

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Wenger, Oude Cat, p 588, where سگهان is wrongly
سکبان.

fol 190 Ruba is

Beginning —

يارب ركرم حيات م نري
ار خود معري ر غير قطع نظري
بر غفلت ما رهوساري حسري
در ا نري گسم ار ما حسري

The last Ruba i runs thus —

در دیده حياتي نبود دنيا را
در وحده ادائي نبود فردا را
کوس مساوا نگويم که کرد
کر کام ورنائي ندهم غوغا را

There are altogether one hundred and twelve Ruba is in all

Written in a fair minute Nasta liq

Not dated apparently the latter part of the 17th century

No 333

fol 520 lines (centre col) 19 (marg col) 36

size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ $10 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$

کلیات طعرا

KULLIYÂT-I-TUGRÂ

The prose and poetical works of Mulla Tugra

According to most biographers Mulla Tugra is called a native of Mashhad but his contemporary biographer Tahir Nasrabadi who speaks of the poet in the present tense calls him a Tabrizi but remarks that he heard from somebody calling the poet Mashhadi. The Library copy of Tahir Nasrabadi's Tadkirah reads Tugra i labrizi but the authors of the Muzma'un Nafas and Nishiat i Ishq say that Tahir calls the poet

a native of Qazwîn. He came to India during the last period of the reign of Jahângîr, or in the beginning of Shâh Jahân's time. On entering the court of Shâh Jahân, Mullâ Tugîâ was appointed the Munshî of Prince Mu'îd Bakhsh, in whose praise the poet wrote several treatises, and whom he accompanied on his expedition to Balkh. He travelled for a long time all over the Deccan and subsequently settled in Kashmîr, where he went in the suite of Mirzâ Abul Qâsim. He was a poet of great distinction, but as a prose writer he is very highly spoken of by his biographers, and for this branch of composition enjoys a wider reputation than his contemporaries. The author of the *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is* says that he has seen Tugîâ's *diwân* consisting of ten thousand verses, and that the poet's *Kulliyât* received general approbation in India. The same author further remarks that, besides a great number of verses in which the poet has purposely inserted numerous Hindî words, he composed a *Qasidah* in praise of Râjah Jaswant Singh, chiefly consisting of Hindî words. The same author further adds that Tugîâ wrote satirical verses against the distinguished poets of his age, such as Mirzâ Sâ'ib, Salim, Qudsî, Kalim and others, and quotes several lines as specimens, and remarks that in return these poets also wrote satires against Tugîâ, and amongst them particularly mentions the name of Mullâ Ganî Kashmîrî. It is remarkable to notice that in the verses which do not scan with the word Tugîâ, the poet has used the non-deplume *Shiftah*, *مبعضه* (see *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*). Tugîâ spent the last years of his life in Kashmîr, and died there somewhat before A.H. 1078 = A.D. 1667.

For notices see Tâhir Nasrâbâdî, fol 200^b, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol. II, fol 291^a, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 244^a, *Tadkînah-i-Husaynî*, fol 125^b, *Nishtar-i-Ishq*, fol 1111, *Yad-i-Baydâ*, fol 137^b.

See also Rieu, pp 742, 744, 850 and 875, W. Pertsch, p. 24, *Ethé*, India Office Lib. Cat., Nos 1586-1591, etc.

Contents of the *Kulliyât*

Beginning with *مناقبی نامه*, *Sâqî Nâmah* —

رہی لہ ، سارندہ آ ، و حاک

نرمیں آور مسز طاؤس تاک

fol 127^b *Gazals* arranged in alphabetical order, except the first which begins thus

نہیںد تو بہ دیوان ما رنک گلستانی

و رسم اللہ بر سر گروہر سماح رنجانی

The first alphabetical Ġazal begins thus —

نا نام تو سر دفر مرقم را
بر مرد بان سجده ضرور است فلم را

fol 292^b Qasidhis in praise of Kashmir Shah Jahan and other persons of distinction

Beginning —

حک، او در کسود غمکده خاک را
بر گهر است صاحب حق افلاک را

fol 353^b مطاع

Beginning —

تبارک الله اربى برم حسرت امروزي
که حس مرمود از وي تبار حد جهان

fol 354 Fards

Beginning —

صد دل يك نگاه تو سورد جدا جدا
يك آنس است و سمع فرورد جدا جدا

fol 358^b–391^b Short Masnawis Tarjibands Tarlibands and Mukhammasat The first Masnawi begins thus —

نام آنکه سد سازنده حرج
بر — ن حرج خون معروف در کرج

The following refined prose writings consist of several treatises

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fol 397^b

فردوسه

FIRDAUSIYYAH,

or

THE PARADISAICAL

A description of the beautiful city of Kashmir

Beginning —

اي در حال تو خانه بر دوس صاحب
که انگ مسره را ندانهاي م الح
ساي بهار سرايي

Rieu n p 742 No II Ethic India Office Lib Cat No I

II.

fol 402^a.

تاج المدايح

TÂJ-UL-MADÂ'IH,

OR,

"THE CROWN EULOGIES"

In praise of Prince Murâd Bakhsh.

Beginning

حو این نسخه ری ، لوايح سده سرخ روئي قلم سگارش
نای سده ساهمش ، الح

Rieu, No XI., Ethé, India Office Lib. Cat, No. II.

III.

fol 406^b.

الهامة

ILHÂMIYYAH;

OR,

"THE INSPIRATION"

A Sûfic treatise

Beginning

در برد محبت همه جا حاصل حکمت لله الصمد که نفس
مرادم در بوب تصه تصرف بسنده الح

See Rieu, No VII, Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No III.

IV.

fol 411^a.

MIR'ÂT-UL-FUTÛH;

OR,

"THE MIRROR OF VICTORIES"

In praise of the Conquest of Balkh and Badakhshân, by Prince
Murâd Bakhsh during the years A. H. 1055-1057 = A. D. 1645-1647.

Beginning —

که نارایان میدان بفرمودار دولت مساس الح

Rien No VI Ethic India Office Lib Cat No IV

V

fol 415

مرتباعات

MURTAFI ÂT,

OR

EXAMINED MATTERS

A description of a *darbar* at Jahangir's court

Beginning —

نوبهار آمد که مقراض از بر نبل کند الح

See Rien No V Ethic India Office Lib Cat No VII

VI

fol 417

تجلیات

TAJALLIYYÂT

OR

MANIFESTATIONS

Another treatise in praise of Kāshmir with a eulogy upon Mir
Husayn Sabzwari

Beginning —

که بود فصل حران عالم نور الح

See Rien No IX Ethic India Office Lib Cat No V

VII

fol 240^b

مسابقات ربیعی

MUSHÂBAHÂT I RABÎ Î

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Comparisons drawn from the spring etc also known as
مسابقات ربیعی, or Wonderful comparisons

Beginning —

آن نامند که مسافر را ، هندی مکند الح

See Rieu, No XII , Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No ^{موسم} IX.

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fol 422^a

والبغاي

KANZ-UL-MA'ÂNÎ,

OR,

"THE TREASURE OF THOUGHTS"

In praise of Shâh Shujâ'

Beginning —

نایس مصرن دهان حواهر همد مکرمسد ، الح

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تعداد البوادر

TA'DÂD-UN-NAWÂDIR,

OR,

"THE NUMBER OF STRANGE THINGS"

A description of eight stages on the road leading to Kashn

Beginning —

در تیره رمین همد دلگیر مدم الح

in

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مجمع العراذ

MAJMA'UL-GAP

"THE MIRROR OF VICTORIES"

A description of the Conquest of Balkh and Badakhshân, by
during the years A H. 1055-1057 = A D 1645-1647

Beginning —

چه تو رسم آرومیت در تاجه کم الح

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نه آت

TAHQÎQÂT

Verifications or the poetical applications of the names of the planets

Beginning —

ار بس غلط است حرف خاموس ملک الح

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آهنگ بلبل

ÂHANG I BULBUL,

OR

THE SONG OF THE NIGHTINGALE

Otherwise called حوس بلبل or The Ebullition of the Nightingale

also known as دساحه معیار الادراک, or The Preface to the Standard of Perception In praise of Hafiz's diwan

Beginning —

سرو ساز سخن نرانه حمد صا الح

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نموده استا

NAMÛNAH I INSHÂ,

OR

A MODEL OF COMPOSITION

In praise of Aurangzib

Beginning

میں ورعی ریامہم دادند الح

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دردناک

DARDNÂK ,

“AFFLICTED”

Also called گریہ قلم, Gūyah-i-Qalam , or, “The Weeping of the Pen” A description of the rainy season

Beginning —

گریہ قلم ہوا ، اس رقم الح
دردناک ہوا ، کہ ار ماتم امروزی الح

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معراج المصاحۃ

MI'RÂJ-UL-FASÂḤAT ,

OR,

“THE ASCENT OF ELOQUENCE”

In praise of Sayyid Bahâdur Khân

Beginning —

ارح من معرۃ آئین حواہم الح

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انوار المسارِق

ANWÂR-UL-MASHÂRIQ ,

OR,

‘THE LIGHTS OF THE EAST’

Beginning —

ای حوس دل صراحی و حام ار تو ال
ان نرم صص سراب حمد حالتي مرحوش اند ال

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PARĪKHĀNAH,

or

THE FAIRY'S HOUSE

In praise of Shah All as II of Persia

Beginning —

ای راقم فرد رزون چه صبح و چه سام ال
لشط ملي که مطعه نوسان مثال سرمشق تارگی ال

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وحدہ

WAJDIYYAH

Also styled حان وحدیه metaphors drawn from music

Beginning —

نغمه دا ن سرلم حمد مارنده مقام نذر ال

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کلمه الحق

KALIMAT UL HAQ

or

THE WORD OF TRUTH

A complaint of the want of liberty of the tongue and the king's son

Beginning —

دوران خود در سنایس مردی نما نداده الح

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آشوب ، نامه

ÂSHÛB NÂMAH,

OR,

“THE BOOK OF TUMULT”

In praise of Zulâlî's seven Masnawîs

Beginning —

سکر نامه ای که اساء ، روح شهر از معنی اندام صور ،
و خود بسنه الح

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fol 461^a.

سمره طب

SAMRAH-I-TIBBÎ,

OR,

“THE MEDICAL FRUIT”

Metaphors drawn from the medical art

Beginning

ای درد تو بهر از دواي دگري
سکر حکمی که درد بدومان آتو ، از داروي صوريس الح

See Rieu, No XXX, Ethé, India Office, No XVI

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fol 466^a

جلوسيه

JULUSIYYAH,

“ACCESSION”

bulogy on the accession of Auriangzib

Beginning —

ای کوکه اب فروغ نسای سرپر
سورنارن ار حمد و اهی نواد نباح رسد الح

See Rieu No XXIV Ethé India Office No XIV

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fol 474^b

— ۵۱ فص

CHASHMAH I FAYD,

or

THE SOURCE OF OVERFLOW

Addresses to the Sovereign with a description of the prophets
Miraj or Ascension to heaven

Beginning —

ای ملک وجود تر درت ماوایی
حمد اکبر نادماهی که لسكر نور داس الح

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fol 489^b

رمعاب

RUQA ÂT

or

LETTERS

Beginning with the حبرنامه Ibrat Namah or The Book of
Warning called in Rieu حبر نامه or The Book of Ambergris
an exposure of the plagiarisms of Nasir al Hamadani written for Muqim
Kashu

Beginning —

ملی بهر متنا شده عرب نامه
در خالی که مع حاکم اس را طبراس سردی الح

See Rieu Nos XVI and XVII Ethé India Office No XXIII

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fol 519^a

تذکرہ الابرار

TADKIRAT-UL-AHIBBÂ,

OR,

"MEMORIAL OF FRIENDS"

Also called تذکرہ الابرار; or, "Memorial of the Good", or, تذکرہ الاتقا, or, "Memorial of the Godly", a eulogy on twelve contemporary Shaykhs and other renowned men then living in Kashmîr

Beginning —

طعرا نا کی تع ربان سر کی الح

See Rieu, No VIII, Ethé, India Office, No XXIV

The above collection of refined prose writings consists of twenty-five risâlahs, eighteen of which, together with Tugîl's letters and a commentary, have been printed at Cawnpore, 1871, under the title of رسائل ابرار

Written in a fair Nasta'liq, within coloured borders

Not dated, apparently 18th century.

No. 334.

fol 122, lines 11, size $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

دیوان غنی

DÎWÂN-I-GANÎ.

Maulânâ Muhammad Tâhî Ganî, a resident of Kashmîr, was, according to the author of the Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, the disciple of his learned countryman Maulânâ Muhammad Muhsin Fânî, a poet of great eminence. He adopted the poetical title of Ganî as a chronogram for the year A H 1060 = A D 1650, the year in which he composed poetry for the first time. Ganî flourished during the governorship of Zafar Khân Ahsan, and possessed a great admiree in the person of Nawwâb Wahîd

Zamīn Tahir Wahid Gani enjoys the reputation of having a great command over the Persian language as well as for composing elegant verses

His companions Abū Talib Kalim and Hajī Muhammad Jan Qudsī greatly admired the poetical compositions of Gani while the celebrated Saib for his own bayad made a selection of two hundred and twenty verses from Gani's diwan. According to the authors of the *Riyad ush Shu'ara* and *Majma'un Nafais* Gani left about twenty thousand verses. Although a poet of vast learning Gani had no ambition to attach himself to the Imperial throne. Tahir Nasrabadi states on a reliable authority that the emperor of India once wrote to Sayf Khan the governor of Kashmir to send Gani to the Imperial throne. Being requested by Sayf Khan the poet instructed the governor to report to the emperor that he (the poet) was insane and could not therefore attend the court. Sayf Khan objected to this saying how could he apply the term insane to a sound man? At this the poet all of a sudden tore his collar and like one insane marched off towards home and died after three days. The date of his death is fixed in A.H. 1049 = A.D. 1668 in the beginning of Aurangzib's reign. Gani's diwan was collected by his friend Muhammad Ali Mahir who composed the following chronogram on the poet's death quoted in Rieu ii p. 692 —

بهي عون کرد برم مسح را کردند نارنجس
که آگاهی سوي دار بقا از دار مائي مد

For notices on the poet's life see Tahir Nasrabadi fol. 265^b *Yad al-Layl* fol. 140 *Riyad ush Shu'ara* fol. 287^b *Majma'un Nafais* vol. ii fol. 344^b *Ricu'ib Ethic Bodl Lib Cat* No. 1124

Contents —

fol. 1^b Qasidas

Beginning —

سور داع دل ما دفع نسد از مرهم
گرمي سمع رکاور نمگردد کم

The Qasidas are intermixed with *Gards Masnavis* and *Qit'as*
fol. 10^b Gazals

Beginning —

حويي کو که از صد خرد سرون کسم نا را
کم رنصر ناي حوسن دامان صحرا را

fol. 11^o Ruba'i

Beginning

چون بسب در افتادگم کس را ملک
 تر حاشنه از ده رو بستم هر یک
 دعوی برتری ندارم بکسی
 هر خاک حرا برانرم کرد ملک

The dîwân of Ganî has been printed in Lucknow, A H 1261

A good copy, written in clear minute Nasta'liq, within gold ruled borders, by order of one Khwâjah Muhammad Khân.

Dated A H 1160

Scribe محمد حسن الله

No 335.

fol 98, lines 14, size 8 × 5, 6 × 3

The same

Another copy of Ganî's dîwân, beginning with Gazals —

حموی گو که از صد درد برون کسم تا را الح

fol 82^b. Rubâ'is, beginning as in the preceding copy —

چون بسب در افتادگم کس را ملک الح

fol 92^a Miscellaneous verses consisting of târikhs, eul and satires, etc, which were added towards the end of Ganî's dîwân by his pupil Muslim, as would appear from the following short intimation in the beginning —

'مذمومه از قسم نوارج و تعریفا ، و هجو ، و حیرة که
 مسطور ساگرد مرصع ، مسرور بعد از مرصع ، اسعار در آخر
 دیو بصیف لطیف درج مشاحیه در اینجا بهمان ترتیب
 جای تقدیم و تاخیر برای تفریح صحر و کمر بیاض تحریر
 مستأ کدام شعر از اسعار مشهوره مرصع ، نافی بنام واللہ
 اذ

The first eight Gazals have a commentary on the margin extending from fol 1^b-3^b

Written in minute Nasta liq on various coloured papers

Dated A H 1273

No 336

fol 177 lines 15 size 10 × 4½ 8 × 3½

یوسف و زلیخا

YÛSUF WA ZALÎKHÂ

A Masnawî by Nazim

Mulla Nazim of Herat who as stated in Rieu was the son of Shah Rida Sabzwari flourished during the time of Shah Abbas II (A H 1052-1077 = A D 1642-1667) He was a pupil of Maulana Fasih and a court poet and favourite of Abbas Quli Khan Shamlu the Beglerbeg of Herat at whose request the poet composed the present Masnawî The poet himself says in the epilogue that he spent fourteen years in the composition of this poem having commenced it in A H 1058 = A D 1648 and completed it in A H 1072 = A D 1661 The style of the Masnawî is very highly spoken of by his contemporary biographer Tahir Nasrabadi and other tadhkirah writers Nazim died in A H 1081 = A D 1670

For further particulars see Tahir Nasrabadi fol 195 Mirza un Nafais vol II fol 468^b Riyad ush-Shu'ara fol 43^o Rieu II p 692 Ethé India Office Lib Cat Nos 1593-1598 Ethé Bodl Lib Cat No 1130 W Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 29 721 and 927 Sprenger Oude Cat pp 129 151 and 515 Âtash Kadah p 156

Beginning as in Ethé India Office Lib Cat —

حدانا خون مسهرم ه نکسا
دلہ طوطی کی و آنسہ بسا

Printed Oude Akhbar Press Lucknow A H 1286

Written in careless Nasta liq within coloured borders

Dated A H 1170

No. 337.

fol 124, lines (central column) 14, (marginal column) 28,
size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$.

دیوان عزام

DÎWÂN-I-'AZÎM.

'Azîm or 'Azîmâ, who was born in Nîshâpûr, belonged to a respectable family of that place. All the members of his family were noted for their attainments as men of letters and poets of distinction. His father, Maulânâ Qaydî, who was a nephew of the distinguished poet Nazîrî, and himself a poet of some note, came to India during the reign of Shâh Jahân, and died at sea on his way back to his native country in A H 1064 = A D 1653. 'Azîm's brother, Mullâ Muqim or Muqîmâ, with the *tahalluṣ* Faujî (a copy of whose diwân is mentioned in Rieu, p 690), also came to India and entered the services of Mirzâ Jân Beg, a general under Shâh Shujâ' Faujî, after performing a pilgrimage to Mecca returned to Nîshâpûr, where he died at the age of forty-two in A H 1075 = A D 1664. Referring to his respectable connection, 'Azîm, in course of his admonitions to his son, speaks thus on fol 113^b (margin) —

ایمان تو گرنه دلپذیری

ارمان مبدی و باری

بس ، ردو حادث سرورست

ای ماه قابل ردوست

Most of the poems of 'Azîm are in praise of Shâh Sulaymân (A H 1077-1105 = A D 1666-1693), Bayâm 'Alî Khân of Nîshâpûr, who died, according to a chronogram on fol 51^a, in A H 1071 = A D 1660, and his son, Muhammad Ibîâhîm.

The author of the *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâr* adds further, that 'Azîm enjoyed the warm favour of Mirzâ Sa'd-ud-Dîn Muhammad *Râqim*, Wazîr of *Khurâsân*.

The conflicting statements of Azîm's biographers regarding his visit to India have thrown us into great confusion. The authors of the *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib* and *Khulâsat-ul-Afkâr* state that 'Azîm came to India during the time of Shâh Jahân, while the first named two authors assert that the poet was entrusted with the

Diwaniship of Lahore by the emperor While Sarkhwush a contemporary biographer of Azim followed by the author of the Majma un Nafis notices two different poets of the same name viz ای، ہ سائوری and آ، ہ and says that the former never came to India and that the latter was the Diwan of Lahore and concludes his accounts of the two poets in few words —

آ، ہ ای سائوری — صا فکر نازہ بود در ہندوستان
نامدہ آ، ہ — دیوان بنوای لاہور نیر حوس فکر
اسب —

Dr Rieu who could not trace anything to prove Azim's residence in India seems to support the statement of Sarkhwush that the poet never came to this country but the fact that Sarkhwush completed his tadkirah in A H 1093 = A D 1682 after which Azim lived for many years and further the existence of the verse in which the poet speaks of his becoming a Hind parast seem to support the statements of the author of the Riyad ush Shu'ara and others

The lines referred to (found on fol 116 of the diwan) are as follows —

گردید ہ، م حا ہند رصب
از — طوسی و سائوری رصب

Tahir Nasrabadi who speaks of the poet in the present tense does not touch the point of Azim's coming to India and simply remarks that although he (Tahir) could not visit Azim he heard from his relatives that Azim was a good poet and belonged to a family the members of which were polished and enlightened Shir Khan Lodi another contemporary of Azim gives only a short account of the poet's brother Qaydi without mentioning the name of Azim According to the author of Mirat us Safa (Rieu p 701) Azim died in A H 1110 = A D 1698 or according to the authors of the Khulasat ul Afkar Nataij ul Afkar and Naqmah i Andalib (Rieu *loc cit*) in A H 1111 = A D 1699

For notices on Azim's life see Tahir Nasrabadi fol 18^b Khulasat ul Afkar fol 124 Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 27^c Nad i Bayda fol 150 Khazannah i Amirah fol 333^b Malhazan ul Garaib vol 11 fol 564 Nataij ul Afkar p 298 See also Rieu ii, p 701 Sprenger Oude Cat pp 113 358

Contents —

fol 1^b Qasidas in praise of Bayram Ali Khan and his son Ibrahim Khan

Beginning —

ای رسم الله کل، بر مرق مرغان ریخته
شکر الصد اران در کام انسان ریخته

On the margin of fol 1^b begins the Masnawī called *مور عام* —

دارم سر حمد حق تعالی الح

This Masnawī, dealing with the creation of the world, morals, mystical love, etc., was composed by the poet at Qandhār after the death of his father in A.H. 1064 = A.D. 1653. It also contains eulogies on Shāh ‘Abbās II, Muzā Sa‘d-ud-Dīn (Wazīr of Khurāsān), Safī Qulī Khan and others.

fol 15^b–120^a Chronograms on several contemporary events, the dates of which range from A.H. 1055–1082 = A.D. 1645–1671.

fol 116^b Preface which ‘Azīm wrote to the *جامع التوائد*, *Jāmī‘-ul-Fawa‘id* of Bayrām ‘Alī Khān.

Beginning —

واحد الداد، کسر الستا، م السای را بنایس و بنایس
بی مسها سراوار الح

The date of completion of the preface, A.H. 1068 = A.D. 1657, is expressed by the following chronogram —

سومنت بی تاریخ مجموعه نسرام خان

fol 117^a (margin) *جامع التوائد*, *Jāmī‘-ul-Fawa‘id* of Bayrām ‘Alī Khān. This Masnawī is chiefly devoted to the praise of God and the prophet.

Beginning —

الهی دیدۀ ده حالی ار ۰۰ ،
که سورد ار نگاهس بردۀ ۰۰ ،

fol 120^a Another Masnawī in praise of a garden called *نوع فرح*

نحس
Beginning —

صباحی دشت موتی آمشس
۰۰ ان نور تلی ار ۰۰

Written in a minute Nasta'liq Not dated apparently 18th century
 Some folios at the end contain short selections from the diwan of
 Jal'ul Asir written in a different hand

No 338

fol. 322 lines 10 size 8 x 5 1/2 x 2 1/2

دیوان ملا رفیع

DÎWÂN-I-MULLÂ RAFÎ

Mirza Hasan Beg Rafi مرزا حسن بک رفیع was originally an inhabitant of Qizwin but on account of his long residence in Mashhad he is better known as Mashhadî. The author of the *Majma'un Nafi* relates that when Abd Ullah Khan Uzbek invaded Khurāsān (A.H. 991 = A.D. 1580) he took away with him along with other prisoners Mirza Rafi who was only a boy at that time. Rafi's remarkable intelligence attracted the attention of Nadr Muhammad Khan the governor of Balkh. The same author further adds that when Shah Jahan conquered Balkh and defeated Nadr Muhammad Khan (A.H. 1006 = A.D. 1646) Rafi with Nadr Muhammad's son came to India. The author of the *Nata'ij ul Afkar* states that Rafi came to India before Shah Jahan's expedition to Balkh. Rafi's contemporary biographer Tahir Nasr-abadî gives us to understand that the poet who was the *kitabdar* of Nadr Muhammad Khan and whose wife's sister the poet married drew the attention of Shah Jahan and was brought to India by the emperor and that Haji Muhammad Jan Mashhadî maliciously reported to Shah Jahan that Rafi was only an ordinary poet. This says Tahir hopelessly lowered the poet's position and he was deprived of the imperial favour for ever. But the author of the *Itayid ul Shu'ara* and other later biographers distinctly say that the above statement of Tahir is untrustworthy. We can however rely upon the statement of the author of the *Khazana-i Amirah* who on the authority of Abdul Hamid's Padshah Nimah relates that on the 14th Rajab A.H. 1054 = A.D. 1644 Hasan Beg Rafi Munshi of Nadr Muhammad Khan came to pay respect to the imperial throne and received the *Khilat* and a reward of three thousand rupees and was subsequently honoured with the *man'ab* of five hundred and that on the 4th Rabi' A.H. 1063 = A.D. 1652 the poet received a reward of three thousand for composing a poem in

praise of the emperor. The same author, supported by several others, relates that Rafi' also received once a reward of five hundred rupees from Shâh Jahân's daughter, Jahân'Ârâ Begam, for a verse in a poem which he composed in praise of the garden باغ بہار ، بحس.

As a poet Rafi' is highly spoken of by his biographers, but as a refined prose-writer he enjoys a still wider reputation. He obtained the warm favour of Prince Dâirâ Shikûh, to whom he addressed many laudatory poems. During the time of Aurangzib, Rafi' was appointed the Diwân of Kashmîr, and after resigning the imperial service passed a retired life in Delhi. Tâhî says that, at the time of the composition of his work A.H. 1083 = A.D. 1672, he heard that Rafi' was living in great distress. Sarkhwush, who wrote his work in A.H. 1093 = A.D. 1681, speaks of the poet in the past tense. The author of the Mu'ât-ul-'Âlam, composed in A.H. 1078 = A.D. 1667, says that the poet had then given up the imperial court and was leading a retired life. So we may conclude that Rafi' died some time between A.H. 1083 and 1093 = A.D. 1672 and 1682.

For references see Tâhî Nasîbâdî, fol 156^b, Mu'ât-ul-'Âlam, fol 443^b, Majma'-un-Nafâ'is, vol 1, fol 162^a, Khazânah-i-'Âmirah, fol 173^b, Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, fol 328^a, Nishtar-i-'Ishq, fol 705, Natâ'ij-ul-Atkâi, p 179. See also Erbe, India Office Lib Cat, No 1603, Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 92, 111, etc.

Besides the diwân Rafi' also wrote several Masnawis

Contents of the diwân —

fol 1^b Qasîdahs, mostly in praise of Shâh Jahân and Dâirâ Shikûh, arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning —

نا ندهي خون صده ، مسه خود را صفا
نا دل بويي سود گوهر حسن آستا

fol 65^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

اي نام تو از حوي آراس ديوانها
زين نام بھر حوان طاهر سده فرمانها

fol 316^b Rubâ'is

Beginning —

اين سحر دان كه طالع ، دناسد
هر يك ننگمان خوش نكاسد

Written in ordinary fair Nasta'liq

Dated Rajab 1110 1089

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No 339

fol 29 lines 12 size 9 x 6½ x 4

دبوان

DÎWÂN-I-BÎNISH

The lyrical poems of Bînish

Bînish with his proper name Ismail was a Kashmirian poet of some distinction. According to the author of the Suhf-i Ibrahim the poet's ancestors belonged to Persia but the poet was born and brought up in Kashmir. He came to Delhi during the time of Aurangzib. According to Rieu some of the poet's poems are addressed to Safshikan Khan who accompanied Aurangzib on his expedition to Kashmir in the sixth year of his reign. A copy of the poet's Kulliyat containing several Ma'nawis is noticed in Rieu ii p 61.

For notices see Majma'un Nafais fol 81 Piyadush Shu'ara fol 68^b, Suhf-i Ibrahim fol 134 Nishtar-i Ishq fol 280 Makhzan ul Gharib fol 115

The present copy contains only the poet's Gazals arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning —

مرد خون حرف حواہس از لب اظهار ما
مرد مسلي مي - رنگ بر رخسار ما

Written in fair Nasta'liq

This copy dated the 6th Pabi 1114 A.H. 1304 was written by the Library scribe Fadl ul Bari at the request of Shihab ud Din Khuda Bakhsh the then assistant Librarian

Written in a neat good Nasta'liq

No. 340.

fol. 75, lines 12, size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$.

The same

Another copy of the *diwân* of *Binish*, containing *Ġazals* without alphabetical order Slightly defective at the beginning

The initial line with which this copy opens is illegible, and the second *Ġazal* begins thus

هرگر رسد بحره ، طلا ، آسما لم
ار آبروي حويس خود را لالم

Written in a careless *Nasta'liq*

Apparently 19th century

No. 341

fol. 486, lines 27 (in 4 coll), size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 8$, $10 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$

کلیات ، صا ،

KULLIYÂT-I-ŞÂ'IB.

The poetical works of *Şâ'ib*

Muzâ Muhammad 'Alî, with the poetical title of *Şâ'ib*, مرزا محمد ،
علي السلس له صا ، was, according to the author of the *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm*, son of *Muzâ 'Abd ul-Rahîm* *Şâ'ib* is called *Tabrizî* as well as *Isfahânî* The fact is that the ancestors of *Şâ'ib* originally belonged to *Tabriz*, where they were settled from a long time Under the patronage of *Shâh 'Abbâs the Second*, the poet's family was removed to *Isfahân*, and his father was honoured with the post of the *Kad Khudâ*, or provost of the merchants of '*Abbâsâbâd* It was in *Isfahân* that *Şâ'ib* was born in about A H 1012 = A D 1603 It is said, in the *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, that at an early age *Şâ'ib* showed a peculiar taste for poetry, and spent his days in the company of learned men such as *Hakim Ruknâ*, *Shifâ'i*, and

other Several biographers state that Saib in his youth performed the pilgrimage at Mecca and then visited the sacred tomb of the Imam Mu'a Radī in Khurasan and the author of the *Nahar al-Ihq* in support of this statement quotes the following verse of the poet —

لله الحمد که بعد از مشرَح صایب
عهد خود نازد سلطان خراسان کردم*

On his return to Isfahan Saib contemplated another voyage which brought him to India during the latter period of the reign of Jahangir. Here he found a most benevolent patron in Zafar Khan the governor of Kabul through whose influence the poet entered the court of Shah Jahan. This emperor showed great favours to Saib and honoured him with the title of Mustaid Khan and the command of one thousand. Later on when Saib's father came to India to induce the poet to return to Isfahan he (Saib) instead of yielding to the desire of his father accompanied his munificent patron Zafar Khan to the beautiful city of Kashmir. Shir Khan in his *Mir'at ul Khayal* states that many offers of high appointments were made to Saib by Shah Jahan which the poet did not accept on the excuse of the weak state of his health and his strong desire to return to his native country. Sojourning for some time in Kashmir Saib returned to Persia to spend the remaining portion of his life under the patronage of Shah Abbas the Second and Shah Sulayman Safawi and received from the former named king the title of Malik ul Shu'ara. It is related that from Isfahan Saib sent the following verse to Zafar Khan for which he received five thousand rupees from the governor —

در دستانرا با احسان ناد کردن است
ورق هر نقلي بپاي سود نر مي افکند

Saib is admitted on all hands to be the greatest among the modern Persian poets and the creator of a new style of poetry. Abū Laila in his *Khulast ul Afkai* remarks that Sadi was the originator of Ghalz to which Babi Iqbal gave a new colour but that Saib was the founder of a new school.

According to Jahir Na'rabadi as stated by Arzu Saib's verses amount to one hundred and twenty thousand but Shih Khan says that he saw the poet's diwan consisting of only eighty thousand verses. He was also conversant with Turkish for almost all the copies of his diwan contain poems in Turki and Azari.

Saib died a peaceful death in Isfahan according to the following chronogram by the contemporary poet Wazir in A.H. 1088 = A.D. 1677 —

خون کاروان حاج خروسان و کوه ، رنای
 آمد بکاک بوس بک ، آ ، خوشگوار
 در نای رزم ، اری خوش ، من رد
 مند بهر مسلسل ر مردوس آسکار

On fol 4^b is a Qasidah in praise of Shâh 'Abbâs, the following last three lines of which refer to a building in Isfahân erected by the Shâh in A H 1057

در سواد اصفهان دولت سرائی طرح کرد
 کر سکوہ او حتل گردید مهر آسمان
 خون سون الہی صور ، انجام ناف ،
 این بای مسیت بساد از نفس بہان
 حامہ صای ، رزم رد اری نارج او
 فسلہ گاہ ناחדاران باد دایم این مکان

fol 10^b A Masnawî on the conquest of Qandahâr - مسوی در فتح قندھار

Beginning —

برارندۀ ناز و نک ، و کلاہ
 حدیو جوانبہ اس ساد

This Masnawî is also noticed in Rieu, p 694, where it is said to be in praise of Shâh 'Abbâs, while in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 1606, it is called *مسوی رزمیہ*, and is said to have been dedicated to Shâh Sulaymân in A H 1079. But from a revision of the poem it would appear that it deals with two different subjects, and is divided into two parts, the first, beginning with the above line, is purely in praise of Shâh 'Abbâs, the second, beginning on fol 11^a with the line —

خو رور دگر مهر درین میان

is only a description of the battle. The year A H 1079, in which, according to Ethé (*loc cit*), the Masnawî was composed, is not found here

fol 12^b-13^a blank

fol 13^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

اگره مد اسم بودي نوح عنوانها
 ۵ ۴ پ نا صامت نوح سراره ديوانها

f 1 468^b A few Turkish *Gizals* arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning —

نه احصاح که صافي و نره سراب مسکا
 که اور بانه مسي و نري آفات مسکا

fol 470 blank

fol 470^b مطالع *Mat'ali* or opening couplets

Beginning —

حسرت اوقات ۱ خون ر دل نروون رود
 داغ مررند ا خوف و صب از دل خون رود

fol 473 Unfinished *Gazals*

Beginning —

حدانا در نذر اين نعره مسانه ما را
 مکن نومسد از حسن قبول افسانه ما را

The colophon dated Jamadi II A.H. 1070 runs thus —

قد فرغ من كتابه هذ الدنوان لتوفيق احد الملک المان بارج
 اوائل حسر الآخر من اخر الصمدی سه سبعين بعد الالف من
 الهجره السريفة السوه ۱۱۰۰ هـ حله و آله افضل الصلوات و
 اکمل الصلاه —

Scribe محمد رضا

Written in a clear minute *Nasta'liq* within gold ruled borders with illuminated frontispieces on foll 1^b 2 and 13^b

No. 342.

x 6

fol. 429, lines 30 (in 4 cols.), size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$,

The same

Another valuable copy, containing the earlier collection, following before the of Sâ'ib, written in A H 1080 = A D 1669, i.e. eight years by the S^t poet's death in Sâ'ib's own house at Isfahân of the poems

Contents —

fol 1^b. Qasidâhs The number of Qasidâhs in this copy is while the preceding copy contains fourteen The order of arrangement in this is also different from the previous copy

Beginning

تا نه گردیده است حورسید . است آسکار
مسب آبی زن بروی خود رستم اسکار

fol 12^b Masnawîs

Beginning as in the preceding copy

برارندۀ ناح و نص و کلاه

fol 14^a blank

fol 14^b Gazals in alphabetical order, beginning as in the preceding copy

fol 386^b—387^a blank

fol 387^b مطالع , or opening couplets

Beginning —

ر اربانه بحود نسب بردل نار عالم را
مسکرونی مروں ار حمل و پسی گسب مریم را

fol 400^b—401^a blank

fol. 401^b Unfinished Gazals arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning

آس امرور حصون سد دامن صحرا مرا
طسب آس ریح ، برسر لاله مرا

fol 420ⁱ—421^a blank

fol 421^b ، مسفره , or detached lines

eighteen,
segment

est of

10-

Beginning —

سوی حق بحر ۱۰۱ م راهی بده را
گفگوی این گهر کم مکند جویده را

fol 426 blank

fol 426^b Turkish Gazals in alphabetical order beginning as in the preceding copy

fol 48^b-420 blank

This copy ends with some detached verses arranged in alphabetical order

The following colophon on fol 428 says that this valuable copy was written in Jamādī II A H 1080 in Sib's own house at I fahan —

عباس الهی تارخ مهر حمادی الثانی در دارا الهی اصهان
در منزل قابل این افکار انکار در سه هزار و هشتاد نایام
نویس —

Scribe مرموم مکسده عارف نوری

A copy of Sib's diwan written in Shikastah hand by this عارف نوری in the beginning of A H 1096 in the house of Sib is noticed in W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 930

Written in a beautiful minute Shikastah hand within gold ruled borders with a fairly illuminated frontispiece

On fol 429^b a note runs thus —

بمعون ملک الوهاب کتاب میرزا صائب نوری از مطلع تا مطلع
بمطالعہ راسخ العبد بده سد سر رمان خان رضوی سره
نواب مجد الدوله صد الاحد خان صوفی ۱۰۲ ر و وزیر اعظم
دسور معظم شاه عالم نادمه غازی به توجه خاص ماهراده نادر
حک در آمده سه ۱۲۷۹ هجری مد سه —

No 343

fol 379, lines 21 (in 4 cols), size $13 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$, $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another fine copy of Sâ'ib's Kulliyât
Beginning with Qasidahs

ای سواد سرین قامت موندای رمس
معر حاک ار نگهت مسکن لبان ، ناله حسن
مویه ار ریگ ، صحرائ صراط المستقیم
رسته ار نار و بود حامه او ، میل المنس
در بستان طله ، یک العباس گوی نو حسن
در حریم مدس یک بروانه او ، روح الامس

fol 9^b. Masnawî
Beginning

برارنده ناح و ت ، و کلاه الح

fol 11^a-12^b Blank
fol 12^b, Gazals.
Beginning

اگر نه مد اسم الله بودی ناح و وابها الح

fol 317^a Matâhî, in alphabetical order
Beginning —

رد غوطه نسکه در تن حاکي روان ما
گردید رفته رفته رمس آسمان ما

fol 325^b. Fards or single verses, arranged in alphabetical order
Beginning —

روحدث ، همان وجود نا برحا الح

fol 329^b ، مرمرها ، or detached verses (incomplete gazals)
Beginning

مکن بی بهره یا ز ، اره قول دل بیايم را
برهر هم جوان آ ، ده سح ربانم را

Written in a very clear and beautiful Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders with illuminated frontispieces

Dated Safar 1111⁹

Scribe محمد بنی الحراسانی

No 344

fol 548 lines 2 (in 4 cols) size $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$ $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 7$

The same

Another copy of Saib's Kulhiyat

Beginning with Gazals —

اگر نه مدد اسم الله الح

fol 514 Qa'idahs

Beginning —

تا نگرددیا سو رسد تمامت اسکار
آبی در بری سودر جسم اسکار

fol 530 Incomplete Gazals

Beginning —

آتش از رخسار من

This section ends with the gazals ending in the letter ن

fol 540^b Ma'nawi

Beginning —

بر آورده ناح الح

fol 547^b Turkish Gazals

Beginning —

نه احساح که ساقی الح

Written in a clear Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders with a double-page unwan and a beautiful illuminated frontispiece

Not dated probably 18th century

No 345

fol 510, lines 26 (4 cols), size 11 × 7, 9 × 5½.

The same.

Another copy of Sâ'ib's Kulliyât
Beginning with Qasîdahs —

ای سواد به سرین الح

fol 17^a Masnawî
Beginning

برارنده ناح الح

fol 18^b Blank
fol 19^b Gazals
Beginning as usual

اگر نه مد اسم الله الح

fol 493^b مطالع
Beginning —

سر ، اوقا ، حمد ، خون ر دل سرون رود
داع مررد است فو ، وصف ار دل خون رود

fol 497^b منصرفا ،
Beginning —

حدایا در بندر این نعره مسانه ما را

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq, within gold and coloured ruled borders

Some folios towards the end are wormed and damaged
Not dated, apparently 18th century

N^o 346

fol 812 lines 17 size 10½ x 6½ 6 x 4½

دیوان صائب

This collection of Saib's poems is similar to the *مثنوی صغیر* mentioned in the India Office Lib Cat No 1008 and W Lertsch Berlin Cat p 930

fol 1^o Gazals arranged in alphabetical order except the first which runs thus —

تا رب از حرفان مرا بماله سرشار ده
عشقم بنا جان آگاه دل ندارد ده

fol 2 The first alphabetical Gazal begins thus —

زهی بغیره السور برق ملحمیا
نصدد سکریں لوبهار مسرہا

The usual initial Gazal beginning with the line *اگر کہ مد بسم* is the third Gazal here

fol 821 Incomplete Gazals
Beginning —

مدایا در بندر این نعره مسالہ ما را

fol 828 Lushai Gazals beginning as usual —

کہ احساح کہ سافی الح

fol 855 to 862 are supplied in a later hand

Written in a fair Nasta liq within gold ruled and coloured borders with a fairly illuminated frontispiece

Not dated apparently 18th century

No 347.

fol 343, lines 17, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another copy of Sâ'ib's diwân

Beginning —

اگر نه مدد اسم الله الح

fol 327^a-329^a Blank

fol 329^b Matâli'

Beginning —

نسب سوي حق بجز تسليم الح

At the end, as well as on fol 326^b, we find the words ، بلغ صاي، which lead us to suppose that this copy was revised by Sâ'ib himself. The margins in most places contain numerous additions in a different hand

Written in ordinary clear Nasta'liq, within gold and coloured ruled borders, with a double-page 'unwân and a frontispiece

Not dated, apparently 17th century

No. 348.

fol 408, lines 24, size $15\frac{1}{2} \times 10$, $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7$

The same

A very large collection of the poetical works of Sa'ib in two volumes

VOL I

fol 1^b Qasîdahs, beginning as in most copies —

ای سواد عسریں الح

fol 20^a Masnawî, beginning as usual —

برارندۀ ناح الح

This volume ends with a portion of the Gazals ending in the letter د

No 349

fol 371 lines 20 size as above

The same

Vol II

This copy which is the continuation of the above first volume begins with the remaining portion of the Qasidals ending in the letter د —

ر اسك دنده بدرد رنگ ار دل كجا حرد
ابر در دل ندارد گره گر نوها حرد

fol 363 Turkish Gazals beginning as usual —

نه احصاح كه مافي الح

fol 364^b مسرفات beginning as usual —

حدانا در بذر اين لغوه مسماه ما را الح

fol 36^b مطالع

Beginning —

حسرت اوقات شوا الح

Both the volumes are written in a fair Nasta'liq hand within gold ruled borders

Not dated apparently 18th century

No. 350.

foll 67, lines 15, size $8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

دیوان صاحبی

DÎWÂN-I-MUHÿÎ.

This diwân, containing Gazals of mystic character, is generally ascribed to the great saint Muhyî-ud-Dîn 'Abd-ul-Qâdîr Jilânî, better known as Gaus-us-Saqalayn or Gaus-ul-A'zam, who died in Rabi' II, A H 561 = A D 1166, February, but the fact that the best authorities do not attribute any diwân to this saint throws grave doubt on the above assertion. For a similar instance it should be remembered that the Futûh-ul-Haramayn of Muhyî Lâî has also been incorrectly ascribed to the above-named saint (see vol. II., p. 120 of this Catalogue). A copy of this diwân, under the title دیوان حسود، عود، العلی، is noticed in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 930. See also Rieu, p. 696, Sprenger, Oude Cat, p. 501, Stewart's Cat, p. 58.

Beginning —

بی حانانہ در آرد کامانہ ما
کہ کسی نہ سب بحر درد تو در حانہ ما

The initial verse quoted in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, *loc cit*, is the seventh line in this copy.

The colophon as usual ascribes the work to the saint القادر العالی

A seal of a certain A'zam 'Alî Khân Bahâdur, dated A H 1199, is fixed at the beginning.

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated the fifteenth year of Muhammad Shâh Pâdshâh's reign
= A H 1145 = A D 1732

No 351

fol 30 lines 15 size 9×5 6×3

The same

Another copy of the same work

Beginning as in the India Office Lib Cat No 930 —

گر نایب سر ترب ویرانه ما
سی از خون مگر آب رده خانه ما

A beautiful copy Written in fine Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders with an illuminated frontispiece

Not dated apparently 18th century

No 352

fol 20, lines 11 size $8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان محمدر

DÎWÂN-I-MAJDÛB

Mirza Muhammad with the poetical title of Majdûb was according to Tahir Nasrabadi fol 109^b a native of Tabriz This biographer speaks highly of the poet's deep Sufistic tendency and of his ability in poetical compositions Some chronograms relating to his pilgrimages to Mecca and Najaf performed once in the company of his father his father's death and some other contemporary events the dates of which range from A H 1040-1063 = A D 1630-1652 are found on fol 194^b-195^b of this copy None of the biographers fixes the date of Majdûb's death but the following line of a Rubai quoted by Dr Rieu from his copy gives the poet's death in A H 1093 = A D 1682 —

کسا آسود در نه حالی

We cannot therefore account for the chronogram quoted by Tahir and the author of the Riyad ush Shu'ara giving the date A H 1006

= A D. 1597, in which the poet is said to have completed his Maṣnawī Shâh Râh-i-Najât

Besides the aforesaid Maṣnawī, which consists of three thousand verses and the dîwân, Majdûb left, according to the author of the Makhzan-ul-Gaiâ'ib, fol 830, three or four more Maṣnawīs, selections from which are given by Tâhî, Âizû, and others.

According to the last Rubâ'î in this copy the poet completed the dîwân in A H 1063 = A D 1652 expressed by the words روان تر دُر .

For further particulars see, besides the references given above, Spienger, Oude Cat, pp 131 and 179, Rieu, ii, p. 696^b, Rieu Suppl., No 331.

Contents of the dîwân

fol 1^b Gāzals in alphabetical order.

Beginning

الهی ۛ مدک العاصی اناکا
معرا بالدور ، مد دحاکا

See Rieu Suppl., 1b, where the word مدد is wrongly substituted for مد

It should be noticed here that the first two verses are taken from the Dîwân-i-'Alî, the authorship of which is popularly attributed to 'Alî the fourth caliph

fol 164^b Qasîdahs, Qit'ahs, Tajrî'-bands, etc Beginning as in Rieu, 1b —

رور ناروی ترا الله اکبر شاهد است
گو دل ۛ هم تو مکر ناش ۛ سر شاهد است

fol 196^a Rubâ'îs

Beginning —

از مرتبه نی مریه ، دارد حسن
از رنگه ، رح علی مریه ، دارد حسن

Written in careless Nasta'liq on various coloured papers.

Dated A H 1265

No 353

fol 16 lines 11 size 8 x 5 6 x 3½

صائد محدود

QASÂ ID-I MAJDÛB

Qasîdahs by the same Majdub

Beginning —

سہارا سورنالا رام حسب مدار الح

Written in a clear Nasta liq

Dated A H 1209

No 354

fol 108 lines 9 size 8 x 4½ 5½ x 3

دیوان کرامی

DÎWÂN-I-KIRÂMÎ

The biographers notice about a dozen of poets under the title of Kirâmî or Girâmî and as usual confound them with one another

See Ethic India Office Lib Cat No 1625 See also Sprenger Oude Cat pp 128 and 412 Picu II p 714 and III p 1092 W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 666 Nos 36 37 38 39 40 41 and pp 1172^b and 1189^b The present poet seems to be identical with Hasan Beg Kirâmî a Shamlû Turk He came to India during the time of Jahangîr whom the poet served for some time and subsequently entered the service of Shâh Jahan by whom he was made the Bakhshî of Gujrat and the Mir Bahr of Bengal See Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 344^b Yâd i Bayda fol 193^b Majma' ul Garîb fol 722 Nishtar i Ishq fol 189 etc

Besides the Qasîdahs and Qitâhs which he composed in praise of Shâh Jahan and Durr Shikuh and on the occasions of several contemporary events we find some chronograms expressing the date of birth of the poet's son in A H 1060 = A D 1640 the accession of Shâh

Jahân in A H 1037 = A D 1627, the landing of Shâh Shujâ' at Dacca in A H 1054 = A D 1644, etc.

Contents.

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order.

Beginning

الهي متو گردان ار دل ما بس ناطلها
بس من مساماي که حا دارند در دلها

The Ġazals are followed by Qit'ahs, Rubâ'is, Fards and Tarji'-bands all of which are intermixed

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No. 355.

fol 65, lines 15, size $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

ديوان هجر فطرت

DÎWÂN-I-MU'IZZ FIṬRAT.

Mir Mu'izz ud-Dîn Fiṭrat, مير معز الدين فطرت, who, according to Ârzû, at first adopted the takhallus Fiṭrat and subsequently Mûsawî and also Mu'izz, was, according to Rijâd, son of Fakhîâ-i-Qummî and belonged to the Mûsawî Sayyids of the place. He was born in A H 1050 = A D 1640. While in Persia, Mu'izz frequently enjoyed the learned society of Sa'ib. He stayed for a long time in Mashhad, and afterwards came to India during the time of Aurangzib. Besides being an eminent poet, he held high offices under that emperor, who, it is said, gave him the title of Mûsawî Khân.

According to the author of the Mu'ât-ul-Khâyâl, Fiṭrat held for several years the post of the Dîwân of Bihâr. According to Shîr Khân Lûdî and some others he died in A H 1101 = A D 1689, but see Sprenger, p 408, who disputes this date and gives it as A H 1106 = A D 1694, also given by Snâj. The author of the Hamishah Bahâr, Sprenger, p 128, quotes the following chronogram of the poet's death

مير الدين مؤسوي رحب

For references see Majma un Nafais vol II fol 370 Riyad ush Shu'ara fol 310^b Makhzan ul G'raib fol 602 Mu'at ul Khayal p 308 Sprenger Oude Cat pp 109 128 137 151 and also p 408 where a copy of the poet is mentioned A portion of the poet's diwan is noticed in Etbe Bodl Lib Cat No 1993

fol 1^b Preface

Beginning —

مستان الهدي حد دنده ظم را از مکتله دوات سرمه لایمي
مکسم —

fol 3 Qasidahs

Beginning —

سپهر و سوز ناله ام حسب مدار (sic)
در گوس سه گر نهد از صبح روزگار

This copy ends with some Qit'ahs Tarj'is and Rubais
Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders
Not dated apparently 19th century

No 356

fol 48 lines 11 size 8 × 5 6 × 3

The same

Another copy of Fitrat's diwan containing Qasidahs
Beginning —

حسولم گوس مهرف سد ندامن خون کسم نا را
برسان ناله هم حیر کن کوه و صحرا را

Written in a careless Nasta'liq
Dated 1260

No. 357.

fol 139, lines 21, size 8 x 5, 6 x 3.

دیوان شوکت

DÎWÂN-I-SHAUKAT.

Muhammad Ishûq Shaukat, a native of Bulhara, according to his contemporary biographer Tahir Nasrabadi, fol 263, went to Herat in A.H. 1088 and entered the service of Safi Quli Khân Shamlû, the Beglerbegi of that province. Subsequently he went to Mashhad, where he received favours from Mirza Sa'îd-ud-Dîn Râqim, Wazir of Khurâsân, and finally settled in Isfahan, where he died, according to 'Abî Hazin and the author of the *Khulâ'at-ul-A'liya*, in A.H. 1107 = A.D. 1595.

The author of the *Maqna'at-Nafâ'is*, vol. 1, fol 252^b, says that from some of Shaukat's verses it appears that he came to India as far as Kabul, but this statement is not supported by any of his reliable biographers. It is said that in his last days Shaukat renounced all worldly concerns and gave himself up entirely to religious contemplation, so much so that he hardly cared to take a piece of coarse bread once in two or three days, and the cloth which he had put on in Khurâsân was never removed from his body until after he breathed his last.

I quite agree with Dr. Ethé (*India Office Lib. Cat.*, No. 1628) in discrediting the statement in the *Muntakhab ul-Ash'âr* (Ethé, *Bodl. Lib. Cat.*, col 216, No. 330) that Shaukat was a native of Isfahan, came to India and was killed by a Hindû. The learned doctor is equally right in finding fault with G. Flügel (1, pp. 588 and 589), who, on the authority of Hâj Khalîf, v, p. 575, holds that the poet was a contemporary of Shâh Ismâ'îl II, and also with the author of the *Hamîshah Bahâr* (Sprienger, *Oude Cat.*, p. 121), who asserts that the poet was still alive in A.H. 1136 = A.D. 1720.

Shaukat collected his *diwân* in A.H. 1093 = A.D. 1682. A Turkish commentary on his *diwân* is noticed in G. Flügel, 1, p. 590.

For references see also *Yad-i-Bayda*, fol 119^a, *Rivâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 216^b, Sprienger, *Oude Cat.*, pp. 121, 568, Rieu, ii, p. 698^b, Ethé, *Bodl. Lib. Cat.*, Nos. 1115 and 1116, Ethé, *India Office Lib. Cat.*, Nos. 1628-1633, W. Pertsch, *Berlin Cat.*, p. 931, Kieft, p. 69, etc.

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Beginning —

ار بسکه ریخت رنگ خون بر سرم هوا
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fol 18^b *Gazals in alphabetical order*

Beginning —

جمع گرداند خدا حواص برسان مرا الح

Written in minute *Nasta'liq*

Dated A H 1118

No 358

fol 180 lines 15 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

The same

Another copy of *Shahul* at s diwan beginning as above

fol 10 *Gazals in alphabetical order* beginning as in Rieu —

خدا نا رنگ نامری کرامت کی معانم را الح

Written in ordinary *Nasta'liq*

Dated A H 1168

No 359

fol 186 lines 13 size $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Beginning as above

Written in ordinary *Nasta'liq*

Not dated apparently 18th century

Presented by *مسد خورسند نواب*

No. 360.

fol. 51, lines 15, size $7 \times 3\frac{3}{4}$, $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$

مسنوی راز و نیاز

MASNAWÎ-I-RÂZ-WA-NIYÂZ.

A selection from the Masnawî, entitled Râz-wa-Niyâz of Râsikh

Mîr Muhammad Zamân Râsikh, of Lahore, whose ancestors originally belonged to 'Iîâq-i-'Ajam, was in the service of Muhammad A'zam Shâh (A H 1118), the third son of Aurangzîb. Râsikh's biographers unanimously agree in reckoning him an eminent poet of vast learning. Sarkhwush, a contemporary biographer as well as a personal friend of Râsikh, names the poet as one of the three authorities on which the learned biographer has based his famous work Kalimât-ush-Shu'arâ. In his later days Râsikh left the court of Delhi and then took up his residence for some time in Shâh Jahânâbâd and subsequently removed to Lahore.

According to the following chronogram of Sarkhwush, Râsikh died in A H 1107 = A D. 1695

حو تارخ فوتس دل ار حفل حوام ،
 حرد ۹۵ ، با دل که رانغ سرد

fol. 1^b. Beginning of the Masnawî

ر کلکم ای صریر آه ترهیز
 نسیم کوی نسیم الله ترهیز

See Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, No 1147.

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 361

foll 152 lines 13 size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

MURAQQA'

The Scrap-book a mystical Masnawī in the metre and style of Jalāl ud Dīn Rumī's Masnawī illustrated by short anecdotes by Rāzī

Mir Askarī Āqil Khan with the poetical title Rāzī which he derived from his spiritual guide Shaykh Burhān ud Dīn Rāzī Ilahī belonged to a Sayyid family of Khawaf in Khurasan but was born in India. He was a favourite companion of Prince Aurangzib who on his accession honoured him with the title of Āqil Khan while in A H 1091 = A D 1680 he was made the governor of Delhi in which capacity he served for his whole life till he died on Rabi II A H 1108 = A D 1696

See Mir at ul Khayal p 360 Maasir ul Umara Rieu II p 609 Ethe Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1148 and 1149 Ethe India Office Lib Cat Nos 1634-1638 Sprenger Oude Cat pp 123 and 543 W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 930 Onseley Notices of Persian Poets p 167 etc etc

Besides the present Masnawī and a diwan Āqil Khan Rāzī left several Masnawis

I

سمع و نرواه

Also called قصه ندم و رتی, dealing with the love story of Ratan Sen and Padmawati composed in A H 1069 = A D 1658 See Ethe India Office Lib Cat No 1634 It is based on an older Hindi story already composed in Persian by Bazmī in A H 1028 = A D 1619 A Persian prose version of this story based on Rāzī's سمع و نرواه and entitled as طرح نصن, by Lāghmī Rām is mentioned in Rieu II p 768 while another prose version of the same story is noticed in W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 998

II

مهر و ماه

The love story of Prince Manohar and Princess Madhumati composed in A H 1069 = A D 1658. It is also called قصه حس and

نامہ Like the preceding the *مهر و مایه* is likewise based on an older Hindi story by Shaykh Jamman or Manjhan, which was first rendered into Persian verse in A H 1059 = A D 1649 (see Rieu, II, pp 700^a and 803^b), and three years after the second Persian adaptation by Râzî, turned into Dakhnî verses by Nusratî, A H 1068 = A D 1657, under the title of *گلشن حسنی*, for which see Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 1634, Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 630 Gracin de Tassy, Histoire de la Littér Hindoue, etc, I, p 388, II, pp 485 and 486 The *Mihî wa-Mâh* has been lithographed in Lucknow, 1846 Besides the above-named Masnawîs, Râzî also composed the *العسنى*, *نغمات* and the *واقعات*, *حالیگری*, also known as *نامہ حالیگری*, a history of the first five years of Aurangzîb's reign (see Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 345, Rieu, I, p 265, II, p 699, and III, p 1083, etc)

Beginning of the present poem on fol 1^b

ایہا السامی اسی فی العمام
اسی من حرۃ کامں الکرام

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq.

Dated the 37th year of 'Âlamgîr's reign, A H 1106

The MS is wormed throughout

No. 362

fol 134, lines 15, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3$.

The same

Another copy of 'Âqil Khân Râzî's *Muraqqa'*.

Beginning as above

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 363

fol 80 lines 15 size $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان ناصر علی

Shaykh Nasir Ali of Suhind who flourished under the patronage of the two distinguished Amirs of Aurangzib's time viz Sayf Khan Bidakhshi and Zulfaqar Khan was a profound Sufi as well as a poet of great eminence. He passed his last days in Delhi where he died on the 6th of Rajab A H 1108 = A D 1697. This date of Nasir Ali's death is given by his intimate friend Sarkhwush who collected his (Nasir Ali's) diwan and followed by almost all the later biographers.

See Rieu II p 699 Ethé Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1150-1152 W Pert ch p 80 and Berlin Cat p 936 Sprenger pp 113 126 131 201 and 329 Cat Codd Or Lugd Bat II p 107 Rosen Pers MSS p 167 Ethé India Office Lib Cat Nos 1639-1648

Cazals in alphabetical order beginning on fol 1^b —

مصبت حاده دارد نهان در خلوت دلها
حواس مستحکم گردند این ره روبرو مرلها

Some Qasidahs Qit'as and Rubais without any order are found towards the end

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated A H 1164

No 364

fol 115 lines 14 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ 6×3

دیوان د ا م

DÎWÂN-I-TASLÎM

Muhammad Hashim who adopted the poetical title of Taslim as well as of Hashim originally belonged to Shiraz. He came to India during the reign of Aurangzib. He imitated the style of Jalal i Asir.

Beginning with Qasidahs on fol 1^b —

در جهان ساده لوهي ميكم امكندري
رو سامم دهه و تنع مصري ار سوهري

fol 26^b *Gazals*, in alphabetical order.

Beginning

اي مطلع مهر تو موروي ديوانها
ديانه حس تو رنگبي - وانها

fol 89^b *Rubâ'is*.

Beginning

اي طاهر و ناطق همه فاش و بهان
وي از تو - بان بهان نهاسب - ان

fol 92^b *Masnawî and Sâqî Namah*.

Beginning —

الهي رنگه، سودائي سر رير
سك بر رحم بهان حكر ريز

Written in a minute *Nasta'liq*

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No. 365.

fol 579, lines 17, size 10×6 , $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

ديوان طاهر و -

DÎWÂN-I-TÂHIR WAHÎD.

Muzâ Muhammad Tâhir, with the takhallus Wahîd, was the son of Muzâ Husayn Khân Qazwînî, and was born in Qazwîn in A H 1055 = A D 1645. Wahîd was appointed historiographer to Shâh 'Abbâs II of Persia (A H 1052-1077 = A D. 1642-1666), whose life, from his birth to the sixteenth year of his reign, he wrote in the تاريخ شاه - باس ناي. (See Rieu, *ii*, p 189, Ethé, Ind Office Lib

Cat Nos 555-557 etc) In A H 1101 = A D 1689 he was raised to the dignity of Wazir which office he enjoyed for eighteen years Wahid was a good Insh writer and some of his letters written in the name of Shah Abbas are to be found in the British Museum (Add 7690) He passed his last days in retirement and died according to the author of the *Khulasat ul Afkar* fol 217 in A H 1110 = A D 1698

Ali Hazin who says that Wahid died at the age of about a hundred remarks that the poet while leading a retired life came four or five times to his (Hazin's) father's house Besides the diwan and the Inshas Wahid left several Masnawis (see below) copious extracts from which are given in the *Khulasat ul Kalam* The author of the *Khulasat ul Afkar* ib says that in A H 1184 = A D 1770 he saw a book of Inshas by Wahid in which Arabic words were totally avoided —

در سه سکهزار نکصد و ده اد و حار کتاب انسانی از سرزای
موصوف نظر رسد که ترک الفاظ عربی دران الزام و فقط نه
کتاب فارسی صارت آن قوام داد — الحق غایت مبالغ
ورنگی دران بود مسد —

For references to his life and works see Spronger Oudo Cat pp 130 137 and 141 Riou 1 p 189 Lthe India Office Lib Cat Nos 555-557 and Nos 1653-1655 etc

fol 1^b Beginning with Gazals arranged in alphabetical order —

کرامت کن صباری یا رب این فامص صاران را
بده دمی که گرم دامن برهر گاران را

Written in beautiful Nasta liq
Not dated apparently 18th century

No. 366.

fol 178, lines 15, size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, 8×4

مننوبات، و د

MASNAWÎYÂT-I-WAHÎD.

I.

This Masnawî, without any title, is in the metrie of Nizâmî's Makhzan-ul-Asîâ, and begins thus on fol 1^b —

نسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
هست نهالی ر رنای قدیم

After praising Shâh 'Abbâs, the poet gives an account of the king's expedition to Qandahâr which he undertook, according to the poet's statement, in the seventh year of the reign

II

سار و نار

fol 75^b Beginning —

حدا یا سبہ بی سور دارم
دلہی ہسون حراع رور دارم

The title of the poem occurs thus on fol 98^b

برمر احوال خود را شرح دادم
سار و نار نام او بہادم

Written in farr Nasta'liq, in the sixteenth year of Muhammad Shâh's reign

No 367

fol 55 lines 14 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

سرگ ۷ ۷

NAYRANG-I-'ISHQ

A Masnawī poem dealing with the love story of Shahid and Aziz, by Ganimat

Muhammad Akram with the poetical title Ganimat was a native of Ganjah in the Punjab and a pupil of the distinguished poet Muhammad Zaman Rasiḥ of Lahore (see No 360 in this Catalogue)

For some time Ganimat was in the service of Mukarram Khan who was the Nazim of Lahore (A H 1106-1108 = A D 1694-1696) in Aurangzib's time. Besides the Masnawī he left a diwan noticed in *Ricu* ii p 700^b

The date of composition A H 1096 = A D 1685 is expressed by the following chronogram —

نمایان ۴ تاریخ نو آنس
ر گلزار بهار فکر رنگس

The number of verses as expressed by the word ۴ in the following line is fifteen hundred —

حواسائس بس از گیس مردم
قاعداد ۴ راه مردم

Beginning of the poem on fol 1^b —

بام شاهد نازک حلال
عرب خاطر آ ۸ حلال

For other copies see Sprenger Oude Cat pp 113 and 127 Ethc Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1153-1155 Ethc India Office Lib Cat, Nos 1649-1652

The poem was lithographed in Tuel now about A H 1263 with a gloss by Muḥammad Sāhib and others

Some folios at the beginning of this copy are damaged
Written in a clear Nasta'liq.
Not dated, apparently 18th century.

No. 368.

fol 222, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6$, $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

کلیات اشرف

KULLIYÂT-I-ASHRAF.

Mullâ Muhammad Sa'id, with the takhallus Ashraf, was the son of Mullâ Muhammad Sâlih Mâzandarânî (who wrote a commentary on the *Usûl-i-Kâfi*) and the grandson of the celebrated Mullâ Muhammad Taqî Majlisî. He came to India during the reign of Aurangzib and was appointed a tutor to the emperor's daughter, Zib-un-Nisâ Begam. He went back for a short time to Isfahân, but shortly after returned to this country and attached himself to the service of Bahâdur Shâh's second son, Prince 'Azîm-ush-Shân (d A H 1124 = A D 1712) at Patna. From this place Ashraf intended making a pilgrimage to Mecca, but died shortly after 'Azîm-ush-Shân at Monghyr, on his way to the holy city.

Saikhwush, while expressing his astonishment at the wonderful genius of Ashraf, remarks that he very often saw the poet in the society of Mîr Mu'izz Mûsawî Khân Fitrat (see No 355) composing Masnawîs, Gazals and Rubâ'is on the spur of the moment, and that in this way Ashraf, in the presence of his friends at Mûsawî Khân's place, composed the Masnawî poem *Qadâ-wa-Qadî*, consisting of about seven hundred verses.

See also *Hamîshâh Bahâî*, fol 12^a, *Yad-i-Baydâ*, fol 23^b, *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkân*, p 37, *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, vol 1, fol 20^a, Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, p 340, Rieu, II, p 738.

fol 1^b. Qasîdahs in praise of the Imâms and others.

Beginning —

کرده ام نام خدا مطلع دیوان با
مطلعی ، بعالم نه اریں نام خدا

fol 43^b-45^a. Elegies on the death of Muhammad Rafî', Mîr Taqî Majlisî and others, Qit'ahs relating to several contemporary events and on the death of میرزا صای and آقا رسدای حودو-ویس.

fol 40 معصيات or Riddles

Beginning —

مکساند هر صاح اي مهر نوح دليري الح

fol 80 ماسي نامه, consisting of several short Masnawis

Beginning —

دلا مرده نامد که نورور مند

fol 81 مصا و مدر Fate and Destiny

Beginning —

م روزي ار روس رواني

حو گل نارك حالي حوده دايي

fol 101^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

حر نبي و ولي بحق راه مدان حدانرا

ار در معرفت در آ عالم کبرنای را

fol 144 Fards

Beginning —

نعامه بن ندهد حسن ترغرور او را

که دام رلف بود دانه مسور او را

fol 202^b Rubais in alphabetical order

Beginning —

فرمان بر ابردم نانعام خدا

مداح مسرم نانعام خدا

Written in ordinary Nasta liq

Not dated apparently 19th century

No. '369.

foll 459, lines 12, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$.

دبوان حوبا

DÎWÂN-I-JÛYÂ.

Muzâ Dâiâb, with the takhallus Jûyâ, was born in Kashmîr, but his father Mullâ Sâmîi was a native of Persia. Jûyâ enjoyed the warm favours of Ibrâhîm Khân (son of 'Alî Maidân Khân), who governed Kashmîr during three terms of office, from A H 1070-1116 = A D 1704. His brother was also a poet, and composed verses under the takhallus Gûyâ. Ġanî Beg Qubûl and Mullâ Sâti' were the pupils of Jûyâ, and in his poetical compositions he imitated the style of Mullâ Mu'izz Fîtrat and Sâ'ib, and according to the author of the Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 92^b, he enjoyed the company of the latter-named poet and Tâlib Kalîm. He died in A H 1118 = A D 1706.

fol 1^b Qasîdahs without any alphabetical order

Beginning

مرا چه حدّ بنا لا اله الا الله
کھا من و تو کھا لا اله الا الله

fol 80^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

الهى ره بنا سوي خود اين مدهوس حامل را
ر دود ، حامه رد ، داع خون طاؤس کى دل را

fol 381^b-389^b Qit'ahs and târîkhs relating to some contemporary events

fol 389^b-459^b Rubâ'is

Beginning —

الله طلا ، اسم ، کار الهی را
سوی بود بعد ، آگاهی را

fol 434^b-459^b Short Masnawîs

Beginning —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
راه بنایندۀ امید و دم

Written in a beautiful Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders and illuminated frontispiece

Not dated apparently 18th century

No 370

fol 440 lines 11 size 11 x 7 6½ x 3½

دیوان میرزا فتح علی

Mirza Nûr ud Dîn Muhammad with the takhallus Âlî whose relatives were known as expert physicians of Shiraz was born in India. In A.H. 1104 = A.D. 1692 he received the title of Nîmat Khân and subsequently that of Muqarrab Khân from Aurangzib while in the reign of Bahadur Shâh he was honoured with the title of Danîshmand Khân. According to the author of the Hamîshah Bahar fol 63^b (composed A.H. 1136 = A.D. 1723) he died in the third year of Bahadur Shâh's reign (A.H. 1121 = A.D. 1709). He is known as a very witty and satirical poet.

For further particulars see Ricci i p 208 ii pp 707 71 796 and 800 in p 1049 Sprenger pp 124 151 and 328 Elliot Hist of India vii p 200 Ethic Boll Lib Cat, Nos 1157-1160 etc. Ethic India Office Lib Cat Nos 1659-1671 etc etc

I

Prose preface identical with that in Ethic Boll Lib Cat Nos 1157 and 1158 and in Ethic India Office Lib Cat Nos 1660 Art. 3

Beginning —

حصار افراي شد سخن اکسر ، الح

II

Qasidas Gazals Qat'is Rubais Masnavis and satirical poems beginning as in Ethic India Office Lib Cat loc cit —

تمامی نادر از مصواع قسم الله دیوانها الح

III

fol 210^b Masnawî, beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib. Cat, No 1659, Art 6 —

همد و مکر او را که هر چه هست اروس ، الح

IV.

fol 257^b

وفایع . ح قلعه بدر آباد

A satirical account of the siege of Haydarâbâd, in seven sections, describing the events from the 14th to 16th Rajab and from the 19th to the 22nd of Sha'bân, A H 1097, beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, *loc cit*

دمی که مدرّس کسّاء ، ص ح الح

Lithographed in Kânpur, A D 1870, and printed in Lucknow with marginal notes by one Maktûb Ahmad in A H 1259

Written in fan Nasta'liq, within coloured borders

Not dated, apparently 19th century.

No 371.

fol 362, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Preface, beginning as in the preceding copy

fol 13^b Beginning of the dîwân

بیا ای حامد بسم الله سر کی راه مطلبرا
برآر ار دامن حرم ، آفتاب ، از باده کوک ، را

fol 272^a وفایع . بدر آباد.

fol 336^a کد حدائی حسن و حسنی "The wedding of beauty and love," in prose and verse, beginning as in Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 1659, Art 4 —

حدیب حسنی . سدر د ، بیایم الح

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq by مصد نامر خان at the request
of one مصد نامر خان .

Not dated apparently 19th century

No 372

foli 100 lines 12 size $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

دیوان حالص

DÎWÂN-I-KHÂLIS

Mirza Sayyid Husayn who adopted the poetical title of Khâlis was of a Persian family and came to India during the reign of Aurangzib and was honoured with the title of Imtiyaz Khân by that emperor. He was also entrusted with high offices by Bahadur Shah and was killed on his way to Persia in A H 1122 = A D 1710.

For references to his works and life see Sprenger pp 111 121 141 150 and 460 W Pertsch Berlin Cat pp 937 and 938 Etthe India Office Lib Cat Nos 16,2 and 16,3

fol 1^b Preface

Beginning —

لم مسي حون ميان نار نام مد حلوه رحباني الح

The preface is followed by Gazals Fards and Rubais arranged in alphabetical order

Beginning —

حان دارند موى وصل بسم الله عنوانها الح

Written in fair Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 18th century

No. 373.

fol. 275, lines (centric column) 17, (marginal column) 24,
size $11 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, 8×4

دلکشا نامه

DILKUSHÂ NÂMAH.

A poetical account of Mukhtâr, the avenger of Husayn, in the metrie of Firdausî's epic poem *Shâh Nâmah*. It is also known as *Mukhtâr Nâmah*, محضار نامه By Âzâd

Beginning with a long preface

سجد سباس و سباس خداوند معالي ار ادراك خواص مسره
ار مضام قناس را سراسم الح

The poem itself begins thus on fol 5^b —

سام خداوند لیل و نهار
حدای بهان حالی آشکار

The title of the poem occurs thus on fol 10^b —

خود دورانم این ناده در حام کرد
خود دلکشا نامه اش نام کرد

The author gives out his name thus on fol 6^b

بخلص گر آزاد دارم چه سود
که از هم رمایی رهائی سود

In the prologue, fol 10^a, the poet enumerates the names of several poets who, he says, were highly skilled in poetical compositions, such as *Wahshî*, *Saydî*, *Zulâlî*, 'Ufî, *Qudsî*, *Sâ'ib*, *Zuhârî*, *Firdausî*, *Bâdil* and *Jûyâ*

In the following verses, fol 10^b, the author says that he commenced this work on Thursday, the 7th of *Safar*, A H 1131 = A D 1719

حو من ابتدا کردم این نامه را
 سام سداوند رزحرا
 رحرت حررا و صد و سی و یک
 سه بود نه سی بی و یک و صد

and that it took him six years in completing the poem (fol 20^b) —

تتر این نامه دلکشا
 ۶ دم بهش سال من راجها

Dr Rieu in his *Persian Cat* ii p 700 as well as in his *Suppl* No 336 in noticing the continuation of Bahā's Hamlah i Haydarī (see the following No) and in dealing with the present work *Dilkusha Namah* on p 71^{ab} at first confounds the author of these works with the celebrated Gulam Ali Āzād of Balgrām and later on under his *Additions and Correction* pp 1091^b-1092^b while correctly suggesting that at the time of the composition of the *Dilkusha Namah* Āzād Balgrāmī (b A H 1116 = A D 1704 and d A H 1200 = A D 1785) was only fifteen years of age again wrongly attributes the authorship of the aforesaid two works to Mirzā Arjumand Āzād son of Abd ul Gani Beg Qabul who belonged to a noble family of Kashmir noted for its learning.

Qabul at first received his training from Qāsim Khān Mukhlī of Kāshmir and later on from Darab Beg Jāya Kāshmirī who died in A H 1118 = A D 1706 (see this *Cat* No 36^q). In a very short time Qabul rose to great eminence and besides a large number of pupils who after his name became known as قسولی, he left several sons two of whom viz the aforesaid Mirzā Arjumand Āzād and Mirzā Kīrāmī (d A H 1155 = A D 1742) became known as poets of great note and celebrity. Another son of his Mirzā Muhtaram was also a poet of some distinction (see *Hamishah Bahar* fol 84^b). Qabul spent a long time in Delhi in the company of Hidayat Ullah Khān Kāshmirī who received the title of Sa'd Ullah Khān from Bahadur Shah. After this emperor's death he attached himself to the service of Sayyid Silabat Khān of Farrukh Siyāsī's time and died according to the author of the *Gul-i-Rana* fol 229 in A H 1139 = A D 1726.

Now Dr Rieu's assertion that the author of the aforesaid two works is Mirzā Arjumand Āzād seems to be erroneous on several grounds.

Mirzā Arjumand (the second son of Abd ul Gani Beg Qabul) who at first adopted the poetical title of Āzād and subsequently changed it for Junān جنون, died, according to the authors of the *Gul-i-Rana*

and Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, in A H 1134 = A D 1721. So it seems quite improbable that this Âzâd could have taken a part in the composition of the Dilkushâ Nâmah which was completed in about A H. 1137 = A D 1724, that is, three years after Âzâd's death.

Again, D^r Rieu has himself correctly admitted in several places that Muzâ Aijumand Âzâd and his father belonged to Kāshmir, and it is somewhat strange that the learned scholar failed to note that, in the epilogue of the Dilkushâ Nâmah, the author, while expressing his annoyance with India and particularly with Kāshmir, distinctly says in the following verses that he originally belonged to Teheran, to which place he fervently prays God to grant him a return —

تهران که اصل براد من است ،
 رضایی مرا کان مراد من است ،
 کس در دلگیر دیگر میان
 ر هدم بر آور نایران زمان

The above facts obviously prove that the author of the aforesaid two works can neither be Gulâm 'Alî Âzâd nor Muzâ Aijumand Âzâd. Nor are we justified in ascribing the works to another Kāshmirian poet, Muhammad Muqîm, who also adopted the takhallus of Âzâd, was a pupil of Hajî Muhammad Sâlim Aslam, and died, according to Gul-i-Ra'î, fol 34^b, in A H 1150 = A D 1737.

So far it seems certain that the author of both the aforesaid works is one and the same Âzâd, as it would appear from the following verse of the continuation of the Hamlah-i-Haydarî (next No), in which the poet refers to his work Dilkushâ Nâmah

من ار دلگشا نامہ خویش
 ردم در بہان گرچه لاد ، سخن

Now, at the beginning, where the continuation of the Hamlah-i-Haydarî in the following copy commences, the name of the author is written thus on a gilt ground —

اسدای ملحقہ ، مملہ بہدري مسکلام محمد صادق تخلص
 بہ آراد

Again, towards the end of the Dilkushâ Nâmah, we find two Qit'ahs giving the date of Muzâ Muhammad Sâdiq Âzâd's death in A H 1159 (A D 1746). One of these Qit'ahs, written on the margin, was, as it

would appear from the handwriting written in the same year (A H 1159) in which the copy itself was transcribed

The first Qit ah runs thus —

مرزا صادق ، ارکمال
کوی ، از محدانان رود
هنگامه ، کس دوران بسد
در زمانه ران آزاد بود
سرح او این بس که از صدق نفس
اهل لب ، را می سود
نامه مضار را خون نظم کرد
رینه و سان سخن را بر فرود
حامه او محفل دانسوری
رنک از آنسه دل می ردود
سال تاریخ وفات او علم
کرد بصر او بحسب رفت رود

The marginal Qit ah runs thus —

تاریخ وفات مرزا صادق آزاد از بنده حشر کسر ۱۱۰۰ ر غلام

معان کر آسمان بسداد رفته
کل باغ سخن بر ناد رفته
حکر خون عالمی گردیده رین غم
ولی او رین جهان دلساد رفته
سر بسس جو کم سد ، تاریخ (sic)
ر دوران صادق آزاد رفته

Having in view the aforesaid circumstances I am inclined to assert that the author of the Dilkusha Namah and of the following continuation to Badl's Hamlah i Haydari is Mirza Muhammad Sadıq Âzâd Unfor

Unfortunately none of the Persian Anthologists mention the name of Muhammad Sâdiq, with the takhallus Âzâd, and all I can gather, solely from his own statements in the two works, is, that he originally belonged to Teheran, but came to India and settled in Kashmîr, where he composed the present work in about A H 1137 = A D 1724, and subsequently the following continuation to Bâdil's Hamlah-i-Haydarî

In the following colophon we are told that this copy was written in Kashmîn on Monday, the 22nd of Shawwâl, A H 1159, in the 29th year of Julûs (probably in the reign of Nâsir-ud-Dîn Muhammad, who reigned from A H 1131-1161 = A D 1719-1748)

Written in a fair Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders The headings are written in red

No 374.

fol. 373, lines 25 (in 4 columns), size $12 \times 7\frac{1}{4}$, 9×5

موله دري

HAMLAH-I-HAYDARÎ.

A poetical account of Muhammad and the first Khalifs chiefly based on the Ma'ârij-un-Nubuwwat of Mullâ Mu'in-ul-Miskîn, by Bâdil, with a continuation by Muhammad Sâdiq Âzâd, and not by Mirzâ Aijumand Âzâd, as wrongly asserted by Dr Rieu (see the preceding No in this Catalogue)

Beginning —

سام خداوند بسیار بکس

کرد بکس و دین بکس و دینار بکس

Mirzâ Muhammad Râfi' Khân, with the takhallus Bâdil, was the son of Mirzâ Mahmûd Mashhadî According to Gul-i-Ra'nâ, fol. 55^a, Bâdil was descended from Bâdil, حواحه منس الدن صاحب ، دیوان though born in Delhi, belonged to a noble family of Mashhad, and his relatives held high positions under the Mughal Emperors of Delhi His uncle, Muhammad Tâhir, afterwards Wazîr Khân, came with Mirzâ Mahmûd to India and attached himself to the staff of Prince Aurangzîb, who, after his accession to the throne, made Tâhir by turns the Subahdâr of Burhânpûr, Akbarâbâd and Mâlwah, till he died in Mâlwah in

A H 1088 = A D 1671 His other uncle's sons Nûr ud Din Muhammad Khan and Kifayat Khan came to India and obtained titles and high offices under the Mughal throne. Nûr ud Din Muhammad Khan was appointed as Diwan of Burhanpûr and died in Aurangabad A H 1120 = A D 1714 while Kifayat Khan attached himself to the staff of Prince Mu'izz ud Din and subsequently was sent to Kashmir as *نواب*, where he died in A H 1139 = A D 1726. Badî's father Mirza Mahmûd also obtained high distinctions in India and the places *محمودپور برہانپور* and *محمودپور واقع اورنگ آباد* were named after him and he lies buried in the latter named place. Badî at first was attached as Diwan to the staff of Prince Mu'izz ud Din whose mother was his own sister and later on was appointed as governor of Guwalîyar and then of Ians Bareilly. After the death of Aurangzib Badî lost his appointment and began to lead a retired life in Dehli till he died there according to Culi Rîna in A H 1123 = A D 1711. This date of Badî's death is also given by Siraj Sprenger Oude Cat p 150.

Badî did not live to finish the poem but died shortly after writing the account of Usman's assassination. According to the author of the *Khulasat ul Kalam* fol 56^b one *مسد ابو طالب مدرمکی* فاضل البادل مر ابو القاسم مدرمکی, a sister's son of *اصفہانی*, long before Badî had written an epopee containing the history of Ali from the point at which Badî had left off. It so happened that in A H 1135 one Najaf who had long entertained the idea of completing the work came across Talib's history of Ali which he added to the end of Badî's poem thus completing the account with uniformity.

See Rieu II, p 704 Sprenger Oude Cat p 368 Ethé Bodl Lib Cat Nos 390 518 and 519 Ethé India Office Lib Cat No 900 W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 533 and Mohl Preface to the *Livre des Rois* p lxxvii note.

Another poem of the same title *حیدر حدری* and in the same metre composed by Mulla Bamun Ali Khamani with the talhallus Raji by the order of Shahzadah Ibrahim Khan in A H 1220 has twice been lithographed in Persia A H 1264 and 1270.

See Rieu *loc cit* Sprenger p 540 Ethé India Office Lib Cat No 900 and W Pertsch Berlin Cat p 534.

The Hamlah 1 Haydarî of Badî has been lithographed in Lucknow A H 1267.

No copy of the Hamlah 1 Haydarî in this Library contains the continuation by Najaf.

The continuation by Mirza Sadîq Âzad begins thus on fol 296^b marked by a beautifully illuminated front space —

سای که سر دینر نامهاست ،
 خداوند لوح و قلم را سزااست ،

In the prologue Sâdiq Âzâd says that after finishing his *Dilkushâ Nâmah*, Muhammad Fakhr-ud-Dîn, a cousin of Bâdil, requested the author to complete the *Hamlah-i-Haydarî* which was left 'unfinished by Bâdil

This splendid copy, written in a fine Nasta'liq with gilt between the lines throughout, bears a sumptuously decorated full-page 'unwân with fine illuminations. The columns are divided by illuminated borders and the headings are written on gilt grounds. The MS contains about forty miniatures in the Indian style.

Not dated, apparently 18th century

Presented by Nawwâb Nasir Husayn Khân of Patna

No. 375.

fol 346, lines 23 (in 4 columns), size $11\frac{3}{4} \times 7$, 9×5 .

The same

Another copy of Bâdil's *Hamlah-i-Haydarî* with the continuation by Sâdiq Âzâd

Beginning as above

The continuation begins as in the preceding copy on fol 302^b

Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold-ruled borders, with a beautifully illuminated frontispiece with gilt headings throughout. Some miniatures of the Indian style

Not dated, apparently 19th century

The MS once belonged to Nawwâb Vilâyat 'Alî Khân of Patna.

No. 376.

fol 392, lines 21 (in 4 columns), size $11\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$, $9 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$.

The same

Bâdil's *Hamlah-i-Haydarî* with the continuation by Sâdiq Âzâd
 Beginning as above

Written in a clear Nasta'liq with a sumptuously illuminated full page 'Unwan. Fine Indian miniatures.

Dated A.H. 1252

A note at the beginning says that this copy once belonged to Sayyid Safdar Nawwâb of Latna.

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No 377

fol. 333 lines 21 (in 1 column) size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 1$

The same

Another copy of Bijla's Hamd al-Haydari without any continuation.

Beginning as above.

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq without gold borders.

Not dated apparently 19th century.

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No 378

fol. 318 lines 14 size $9 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان عاقل

DÎWÂN-I-ÂQIL

This 'Âqil whose original name was Humarwar Khân must not be confounded with his contemporary the celebrated Âqil Khân Râzi the governor of Delhi in Aurangzib's time, nor with the two other poets of the same takhallus namely, Khwâjah Muhammad Âqil brother of Khwâjah Kâmil and Sukhrawar Khân Âqil of Kashmîr all of whom were poets of more or less distinction and flourished in the 12th century of the Muhammadan era. Some biographers with a view of avoiding confusion take the precaution of calling the poet 'Âqil Shâhjahânâbâdî. He devoted almost his whole life to the service of the distinguished Nizâm ul Mulk Âsaf Jah (d. A.H. 1101 = A.D. 1718) of Aurangzib's time and in the first year of Farrukhsiyar's reign (A.H. 1121 = A.D. 1711) when Nizâm ul Mulk was transferred to Aurangâbâd, the poet accom-

panied him thither and subsequently went to Shâhjahânâbâd, where he died about the middle of the 12th century A.H.

See Majma'-un-Nafâ'is, vol II, fol 332^b, Khazânah-i-Âminah, fol 264^a, Gul-i-Ra'nâ, fol 174^a, Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâi, p 306, Maâsir-ul-Umarâ, vol III, p 847

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Gazals in alphabetical order beginning on fol 1^b

گواهی میدهد عالم بوحده ، دا ، بچون را
که صاحب ، یکی نامدر دین حرو معون را

This copy ends with five Rubâ'is, the first of which runs thus on fol 347^b

در ناع حو آن تگه ، ما می آید
صد خاک بعد ، صحها می آید

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No. 379.

fol 170, lines 14, size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, $6\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان نجاة

DÎWÂN-I-NAJÂT.

Mîr 'Abd-ul-'Al, with the poetical title Najât, was the son of Mîr Muhammad Mu'min, and belonged to a noble Sayyid family of Isfahân. He at first entered the service of Mîrzâ Habîb Ullah as his Sadî, and subsequently attached himself as a munshî or secretary to Shâh Sulaymân and Shâh Sultân Husayn.

Tâhîr Nasîbâdî, fol 204^b, who speaks of Najât in the present tense, had frequent intercourse with him, and speaks of the poet in laudable terms, and remarks that as an accountant the world never produced a more skilled hand than Najât. The same Tâhîr further adds that Najât was of marked Sûfic character and commanded the respect of the high personages of his age. But the author of the Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 432^b, while admitting that Najât was highly honoured by the

nobles and learned men of Isfahan severely condemns his debased style and the vulgar diction in which the author says the poet equally shared the blame with Zulali, Shaukat Bukhari and others. Najat died in about A.H. 1126 = A.D. 1714. See Rieu p. 821^b where this date is misprinted as A.H. 1026.

Besides the diwan Najat also left a Masnawi entitled گل و گل, on the art of wrestling. See Rieu *loc cit* and Sprenger Oudo Cat., p. 12. Khan Arzu wrote a commentary on this Masnawi of Najat. Beginning of the diwan as in Sprenger *loc cit* —

گرفتیم مهر خاموشی ز لب طبع مضدان را
 زدم بر سر گل طغرای بسم الله دیوان را

¹ Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated the twenty third year of Muhammad Shah's reign

No 380

fol. 308 lines 10 size 9 × 6 6 × 2½

دیوان سالم

DÎWÂN-I-SÂLIM

Haji Muhammad Aslam, with the takhallus Salim was a Hindu Brahman of Kashmîr. He embraced Islâm under Aurangzib. It is said that the poet Muhsin-i-Fani of Kashmîr (d. A.H. 1081 or 1082 = A.D. 1670 or 1671) adopted Sâlim as a son and trained him in the art of poetry in which Salim gained skill in a short time and became known as one of the eminent poets of Kashmîr. He attached himself to the service of Prince Muhammad Azam Shah poems in whose praise are found in abundance in the diwan and by whose permission he performed a pilgrimage to Mecca. After the death of this prince Sâlim passed his last days as a chronicler of Shah Alam in Kashmîr and died according to Gul-i-Rana fol. 12, Suhuf-i-Ibrahim fol. 405^b Nishtar-i-Ishq fol. 828 and Natan-ul-Aflak p. 218 in A.H. 1119 = A.D. 1707. Dr. Rieu in his index p. 1178 followed by Dr. Lihe in his Bodl. Lib. Cat. No. 1166 places the poet's death in about A.H. 1130 = A.D. 1717 but we cannot account for this date.

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fol 1^b Ġazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

ای ذاء ، نومدء همه انار ۛ بان را
وی اسم تو مندر همه اسمای ۛ هان را

fol 234^b Rubâ'is

Beginning —

در سایهٔ کمه ۛ برهیا بود بسی
دل دامت خو مستعار فرناد روی
یکصد خو ریسمان دلور مرمر
در حلد نکام دل کسدم دهی

The number of Rubâ'is is about four hundred and fifty

fol 262^b Mukhammasât

Beginning —

ناربیی ناری ای ناری دلدارهی الح

fol 266^b A Masnawî entitled, according to Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat, No 1166, گنج معای, and composed, according to the following chronogram (not found in our copy) quoted in the said catalogue, in A H 1082 = A.D 1621 —

بحو تاریخ این گنج معای
ردلکو سختهٔ درد بهایی

See also Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 554, where the poet is confounded with Lutf Ullah Sâlim, who died, according to the author of the Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 190^a, in A H 1089. —

The Masnawî begins thus in this copy —

الهی خاطر بی آرزوده
ۛ نام را ندریا مس ۛ و مسوده

Cf Ethé, Bodl Lib Cat., *loc cit*, where the second part of the above verse is different

The Masnawî concludes with the following line

خو سالم هر که مد در وصل فای
کند سر بهست بخاودانی

fol 216 Blank

fol 296^b A long Qasidah ending in letter ش in imitation of Khaqani
Beginning —

دل من کیمه خواہ ، مور عشق حسانس ال

fol 300 Another Qasidah ending in letter ب
Beginning —

ای لایان صاح الصر حد مصر ا ، ال

fol 303^b-304 Blank

fol 304^b A series of Qasidabs mostly in praise of Azam Shah
Beginning —

حدا مد لسه رگ ، ای فثوم اوح گمر ال

fol 315^b Qit'abs with chronograms the dates of which range from A.H. 1014 to 1118

fol 342 Short Masnawis in praise of horse sword, etc and description of Naurūz and 'Id festivals The first begins thus —

تعالی اللہ کہ تع نصرت ا ، این
زهی قدرت کہ دست قدرت است این

fol 354^b A Masnawī introduced by the heading تعریف حدگاه
ر begins thus —

نمای حان کردن گناه است
درین موسم کہ فصل حد گاه است

There is a large lacuna immediately after the sixth line of the above Masnawī, while fol 355 abruptly opens with the following line of another Masnawī in praise of the horse —

مود آن مسکرو جو حرام
نگردد نر از بحر لعنل تمام

The last line of the Masnawī with which this copy ends runs as follows —

کہ ہم رولق دینی مود آسکار
ہم از ناغ دنیا کمد کل بہار

A large number of detached verses, Gazals and Rubâ'is, are written on the margins

Written in a clear Nasta'liq, with an illuminated frontispiece and an ordinary double-page 'unwan. Some folios at the beginning are placed in new margins

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 381.

fol 515, lines 25, size $16\frac{1}{4} \times 10$, 11×6

کلیات، سدل

KULLIYÂT-I-BÎDIL.

The complete prose and poetical works of Muzâ 'Abd-ul-Qâdir Bîdil, in two volumes, written only one or two years after the poet's death

Muzâ 'Abd-ul-Qâdir, with the takhallus Bîdil, who is admitted on all hands as the greatest of the Persian poets in India during the last century, was the son of Muzâ 'Abd-ul-Khâliq. He was of Turkish origin belonging to the Chagata'i tribe of Arlâs (Rieu, p 706 reads Arlât), but was born in 'Azîmâbâd (Patna) in A H 1054 = A D 1644, for which date the word اسما is a chronogram. Having lost his father at the age of five, when he had only finished the reading of the Qu'ân, Bîdil was left under the care of his uncle Muzâ Qalandar. At the age of ten he finished the Kâfiyah and had just commenced the Sharh-i-Mullâ Jâmî, when his uncle prevented his continuing further his Arabic studies. He then began to associate with saints and holy personages and devoted his full attention to the study of their works. The author of the Gul-i-Ra'nâ, fol 56^a, says that the poet at first adopted the takhallus of Ramzî, but one day, while he was reading the preface of Sa'dî's Gulistan, he was attracted by the following line of the Shaykh—

سدل ار بی سان به گوید نار

and from that day the poet changed the takhallus Ramzî for Bîdil. At first he attached himself to the staff of Prince Shujâ', the second son of Shâh Jahân, and later on entered the service of Muhammad A'zam Shâh. Being possessed of a wonderful genius Bîdil soon became the

master of Persian and Turkish languages and was honoured with the mansab of five hundred. He travelled to Bengal Behar and Orissa and then again returned to Dehli. Being a man of independent spirit Bidil did not like to waste his energy in flattering princes and nobles and addressing laudatory poems to them. He therefore gave up the imperial service and began to lead a retired life in Dehli where he died on Thursday the 4th of Safar A H 1133 = A D 1720. Besides being a man of extraordinary mental power he is described by his biographers as a great giant of his age.

For notices on the poet's life see *Khazanah* i. *Âmirah* fol 115^b *Riyad ush Shu'ara* fol 65^b *Mir'at ul Khayal* p 459 *Sarkhshush* fol 6^b *Nataij ul Afkar* p 75 etc. See also Sprenger *Oude Cat* pp 119 213 and 378-380 *Ricu ii* pp 706 and 707 W. Pertsch p 80 and *Berlin Cat* pp 938-941 *Rosen Persian Mss* pp 167 *Gracin de Tassy Histoire de la litter Hindoue* i p 312 *Ethc Bodl Lib Cat* Nos 1169 and 1170 *Ethc Ind Office Lib Cat* Nos 1676-1686 etc.

The complete works of Bidil are said to amount to between ninety and a hundred thousand lines. The author of the *Gul i Ra'na* fol 57 enumerates thus the following works with the number of lines contained in each —

کتاب میرزا بود و نه هزارست نایی ده ل

نسخه عرفان در بحر حدیده حکم مسایی که از عمده نصا

میرزاست

وایی مصراع ناریح حم نامہ

ہدہ دو الحال و الاکرام

نارده ہزار

طلسم حرف در بحر نو ۵ رلحا

چہار ہزارست

و در خمس نسخہ طور معرفت ۱۰۰۰ حالات و خصوصیات

کوہ ان سراپ کہ ہمراہ مکر اللہ خان فوجدار انجا سر بردہ

بود نہ ہزارست

مساجی نامہ ۱۰۰۰ بی محیط اعظم در ہزارست

نسخہ المہموس در مدمت کتب تکہارست

The colophon runs thus —

لهم شهر دي حده سه ١١٣٤ نكهار و نكصد و مي و حار
هصري خط احمر العباد محمد وارث بن محمد ناصر الصدقي
ناسام رصند

II

fol 109^b

رمعاب بدل

Most of these letters are addressed to his patron Shul r Ullah Khan (d A H 1108 = A D 1606) and to the Amir's two sons (1) Mir Karim Ullah later on Âqil Khan and (2) Shal u Khan

Beginning as in Rieu p 811 —

عمر مراتب حد و بنا ؟ ام نارگاه صدي الح

III

fol 143 Preface to the old or the first diwan of the poet

Beginning as in The Ind Office Lib Cat No 1676 —

حد صد عي كه تردد انعام ه ي موجودات تحركه

This diwan consists of Qasidahs Qitahs Rubais etc without any alphabetical order

The first Qasidah begins thus —

نام آن صد سگوله نكما
كه كرد كون و مكان را تحرف كن بدا

fol 190^b نسه الميوس or Warnings to the Alchemists

Beginning —

اي ميهوس در هواي كنسا الح

fol 200^b ربا عتاب هرل or Satirical Rubais

Beginning —

نارازان در رندگي رهو حمر رسا الح

fol 215^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

ناوح كنرنا كر بهلوي حمر امب راه ايجا

The colophon is dated 7th Muharram, A H 1136

Scribe, the same, محمد و اردی بن محمد ناصر.

No 382.

fol 337, lines 25, size $16\frac{1}{4} \times 10$, 11×6

The same.

This volume is the continuation of the preceding copy and is written by the same scribe

I.

Rubâ'is in alphabetical order

Beginning

آنکس که مزه ام ، ارا ، و گل ما الح

Dated Sha'bân, A H 1136

II

fol 112^b

طور معروف ،

A mystical Masnawî illustrated by anecdotes

Beginning —

باس فرموده فوق ناله تهمال
و تحریک نفس و امکند نال

The title of the poem occurs thus in the third line from the beginning —

ر طور معروف معنی سوایم
بصدین کوه می نارد صدایم

Again, towards the end on fol 125^a

سمنس آحر این مکوه ، مطوم
طور معروف ، گردند موصوم

Dr Ethé in his India Office Lib Cat No 1686 makes a serious blunder in noticing that the طور معرفت begins with the following line —

سوای ر محفل هستی
دا سمانه نهی دمی

In the first place it must be remarked that the above line at once suggests that it is the beginning of a Hikayat while as a general rule all Muhammadan writers begin their works with *الحمد لله* or *حمد*

Again on comparing with our copy we find that the above line is only an opening line of a Hikayat belonging to the middle portion of Bidil's other Masnawī entitled حرمان (see below)

Dated Dulhijjah A H 1136

III

fol 126^b

موسم اعظم

Another mystical Maspawi

Beginning with a prose preface —

حمد نساء آفرینی که محتاجه به انسانی را از نساء کرما
بی آدم علو مفاخرت ظهور نصید

The Masnawī itself begins thus on fol 128^b —

خوش آدم که در برگاه دم
می بود بی نسا و کم

Dated Shawwal A H 1136

IV

fol 189^b

طلسم حروف

An allegorical Masnawī composed according to Sprenger p 379 in
AH 1125 = AD 1713

Beginning —

سام آن که دل کامانه اوست
نسب کرده مباح مائه اوست

V.

fol 226^b

حرفان

Another mystical Maṣnawī, composed in A H 1124 = A D 1712
Beginning

‘حسن ار مس ، حاك آدم ريت ،
آنقدر خون كه رنگه ، عالم ريت ،

Cf Rieu, p 707^a, where the word ، حسن is wrongly substituted for ، مس

Dated Jamādi II, A H 1136

Both the copies are written in a fair Nasta‘līq by the same scribe,
محمد وارث، بن محمد ناقر السديقي

No 383.

fol 192, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

ديوان در دل

DÎWÂN-I-BÎDIL.

Containing a collection of Gazals arranged in alphabetical order
Beginning

ناوح كسريا كز بهلوي حجر مس ، راه ايجا

Written in a fair Nasta‘līq, within gold-ruled borders
Not dated, apparently 18th century.

No 384

fol 125 lines 14 size 10×6 $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4$

The same

Another copy of Bidil's diwan containing G'azals and Rubais in alphabetical order

Beginning —

خمر و حدیث بر لباید ، حرفان ما الـ

fol 121 Rubais

Beginning —

بدل - ، سور امکان مکسا الـ

Written in a fair Nasta liq within coloured borders

Dated Dulqadah A H 1180

Scribe حاصد

fol 1^b contains the signature of Sir Gore Ouseley

No 385

fol 200 lines 14 size $12\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

رباعیات بدل

RUBÂ'İYÂT-I-BÎDIL

A very valuable copy of Bidil's Rubais written eleven years before the poet's death

The Rubais are arranged in alphabetical order and begin thus on fol 1^b —

آنکس که سره اـ ار آب و گل ما الـ

The colophon runs thus —

روز چهار ، هردهم ماه جمادی الاولی سه کهرار و نکصد
و دو هجرت و

Written in a fair Nasta liq within gold ruled borders

No. 386.

fol 161, lines 12, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$; $5\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$

The same

This copy contains a smaller collection of Bīdī's 'Rubā'is, and is supposed to be in the author's own hand-writing, written in A H 1115, that is, eighteen years before his death

Beginning

همد دو جهان سراي داد، يکنا

کز بودۀ ر او بخوسد من و ما

Dated 19th Muharram, A H 1115

On fol 1^a the following note, in a later hand, suggests that it is an autograph copy of the author

نقطه مرا بدل مرحوم

Written in a Nīm Shikastah

No. 387.

fol 330, lines 17, size 12×6 , 9×4

عرفان

A copy of Bīdī's Masnawī, called عرفان, noticed above.

Beginning as usual

Written in different hands

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 388

fol 331 lines 17 size $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 3$

The same

Another copy of the same حرفان
Beginning as above
Written in fair Nasta liq
Not dated apparently 18th century

No 389

fol 314 lines 17 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 3$

ديوان علوي

DÎWÂN-I-'ULWÎ

The author in the preface calls himself طاهر الہی علیہ السلام، Tahir ul Husayni with the poetical title Ulwî According to Tahir Nasrabadi Ulwî originally belonged to Kashan and came according to Hamishah Bahai fol 61 during Aurangzib's reign to Kashmir where he died

See Sprenger Oude Cat pp 100 126 and 327-328

Contents —

fol 1^b A long preface in flowery style

Beginning —

لشس سد حسن حال الح

fol 11^b Qasidas

Beginning as in Sprenger loc cit —

ار هر دو دیده مطلع دیوان حیرتم
سم الله از نگاه برستان حیرتم

fol 81^b Gazal's in alphabetical order

Beginning —

دلت شکست ، بود یادش از دل هیران ما
گشت ، هورسند همالکس مطلع دیوان ما

fol 295^b Rubâ'is

Beginning —

دائست بهر حلوه نموده سائرا
حامل تعبیر کرده اس و حان را

fol 305^b A Masnawî in the form of

ساقی نامه
الهی بهستان نس از انس ،
نصر ، نکاهان وحده ، نور

Written in a minute Nasta'liq

Dated 31d Rabî' I, A H 1110

No 390.

fol 186, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6$, 7×4

دیوان هیران

DÎWÂN-I-HAYRAT.

The dîwân is preceded by a prose preface written by one Fakḥi-ud-Dîn Ahmad

In this preface Fakḥi-ud-Dîn designates the poet as—

نور نصر علم و معرفت المنخلص تنخلص هیران ، حان
عالی من المسمی بهیرا حای ، الله الحاری المعانی الاناری
المعانی ، خطا ، مسور حان

and says that for a long time he was contemplating the collection of the poetical works of Hayrat into a dîwân, but it so happened that

when Mu'azzam Bahadur Shah left Shahjahānabad to fight Azam Shah (in A.H. 1119 = A.D. 1707) the former left behind the works of Hayrat. On his return after the victory Bahadur Shah made an enquiry for the works of Hayrat but they were lost. So Fakhr ud Din who was an ardent admirer of Hayrat after diligent search managed to gather some of the poet's works and added to them the poet's verses which the author (of the preface) had retained in his memory.

The preface begins thus on fol. 1^b —

حمد بعد و نای بعد مر صاعی را که بی نوع انسانرا از
الواع موحودات الح

fol. 4^b Qasidahs

Beginning —

نه خورشید حسن بی لغیر
که مد تعالم ارواح و م در تاسر

fol. 31^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

نه خورشید ا طالع صحدم م فسان ندا
که از بهر موجود او سری کرد آسمان ندا

fol. 171 Rubais

Beginning —

آن داب حی که ه حی مطلق
از درک حقول و مهم آمد مغلی

Written in good clear Nasta'liq

Dated 14th Shahban A.H. 1139

Scribe محمد محموم

No 391.

fol 119, lines (central col) 15, (margl col) 24,
size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$, $8\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$

دیوان شمس

DÎWÂN-I-SHUHRAT.

Hakîm Shaykh Husayn, with the takhallus Shuhriat, belonged to Shîrâz. He came to India during the reign of Aurangzîb and attached himself to the staff of Prince Muhammad A'zam Shâh. He was respected by the nobles of the imperial court and received the title of Hakîm-ul-Mamâlik. Towards the end of his life he performed a pilgrimage to Mecca, and after his return to India died, according to Riyâd, fol 219^a, in A H 1149. See also *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, fol 962.

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning

الهی آسیای نام خود گردان دنايم را
رسم الله ريب بحس دیوان شایم را

The Gazals are followed by some Mukhammasât and Rubâ'is

A splendid copy. Written in beautiful Nasta'liq, on gold-sprinkled paper. The last ten folios are written in a later hand.

Not dated, apparently 18th century

No 392.

fol 198, lines 15, size 11×6 , $9\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$

روضۃ المنعم

RAUDAT-UL-MUTTAQÎN.

A poetical account of the prophets from Âdam to Muhammad.
By Khâdim

In the prologue the poet says that he belonged to Īlān but came to India where he did not receive any help from the inhabitants of the country. That his name is Biqar with the takhallus Khadim and that he composed the present poem in A H 1149 = A D 1736.

I am in grave doubts whether the present Author should not be identified with Nazar Beg Khadim of Delhi who was the pupil of Mir Muhammad Afdal Sabit (see the following No) and died according to Qul-i-Rana fol 99 and Nishtar-i-Ishq fol 630 in A H 1160 = A D 1747. See also Majma-un-Nafais vol 1 fol 138^b.

Ahmad Ali Khan the author of the well known tadhkirah Makhzan ul-Gara'ib (composed A H 1218 = A D 1803) and a comparatively modern author also adopted the takhallus Khadim.

Beginning of the poem fol 1^b —

سام خدا مکم اسدا
که نا مقصدم رود گردد روا

The name of the author and the date of composition of the poem are given thus in the following lines —

نه نامر مسمی نه خادم است
مرفعی براد و نصیری است
حونگد اره صرف ماه دین
رالف و ماهه سعه و اربع

The title of the poem occurs thus on fol 8 —

بود بجه خون ناهل نفس
سده نام او روصه ۱۱ ن

The colophon is dated A H 1164

Written in ordinary Nasikh within coloured ruled borders

No. 393.

fol 148, lines 12, size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, 6×3

دیوان ناب

DÎWÂN-I-SÂBIT.

Mir Muhammad Afdal, with the takhallus *Ṣâbit*, was the nephew of Himmat Khân of Badakhshân (son of Islâm Khân) who held the post of Mîr Bakhshî under 'Âlamgîr, and died A H 1092 = A D 1681. *Ṣâbit*, himself a man of great learning, passed his time in literary and poetical discussions with Shaykh Husayn Shuhbat (see No 391) and other eminent persons of Dehli, where he spent his last days in retirement and died on the 12th Sha'bân (according to Rieu, p 709, 13th Sha'bân), A H 1151 = 31st June, A D 1738. *Ṣâbit*'s contemporary biographer Âizû, while remarking that he had some unpleasantness with the poet from time to time, admits that he keenly felt the death of *Ṣâbit*, a person whose learning the age could not replace. *Ṣâbit*'s son Muhammad 'Azîm (d 1161) was also a poet of some note and composed verses under the takhallus Sabât.

See Majma'-un-Nafâ'is, fol 99^b, Riyâd-ush Shu'arâ, fol 76^a, Khazânah-i-Âmirah, fol 129^b, Gul-i-Ra'nâ, fol 69^a.

See also Sprenger, Oude Cat, pp 154 and 578, Rieu, II, p 709^b, Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No. 1701.

Contents

fol 1^b Qasîdahs without any alphabetical order
Beginning

ای کہ واسعہ حرہ ، تو بود بزم سان
حب نامان دعوی کلام توربان

fol 56^b Short Masnawîs
Beginning

دوئی را نسبت در یکائس راه
چه دانست این چه داد ، الله الله

The Masnawîs are followed by another series of Qasîdahs

fol 9^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

کشد و صبح وصال توسیع جان مرا الـ

The copy ends with some Qit'as and M^ukharrasat

Written in ordinary Na'at-hq

Not dated apparently 19th century

No 394

fol 89 lines 14 size 8½ × 6 × 3

دیوان برهان

DÎWÂN-I-BURHÂN

Âqa Muhammad Salih with the takhallus Burhân was born in Mâzandîrân. In his youth he came to India during the reign of Muhammad Shâh (A.D. 1131-1161 = A.D. 1719-1748) and lived an independent life. In the general massacre of Delhi by Nadir (A.D. 1161 = A.D. 1738) Burhân received several severe wounds of which he died two or three months after.

See Riyâd ush Shu'arâ fol 68. Nizhar-i I-hq fol 208. Suhuf-i Ibrahim fol 120. Sprenger p 104.

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

می برسان فال بکسائند از دیوان ما

کایه ر - بود مر تا بسر قران ما

fol 80^b Rubâis

Beginning —

یا مباد لب دلم بای تو کند

پیموده تمای لقای تو کند

The Rubâ'is are written diagonally
 Beautiful minute Nîm-Shikastah hand.
 Not dated, apparently 19th century

No. 395.

foli 359, lines 17 (in 4 cols), size 11 × 8, 9 × 6.

دیوان انجب.

DÎWÂN-I-ANJAB.

Badî'-ul-'Asr, better known as Hâjî Rabi', with the poetical title Anjab, was, according to his own statement, which is quoted by his contemporary biographer Mushafi, fol 3^b, a native of Spain (اندلس), and is, therefore, sometimes called حاکمی معری. He claimed his descent from the great Saint 'Abd-ul-Qâdîr Jilânî, and gave out that 'Alî Hazîn was his sister's son. At an early age he came to Isfahân, where he spent thirty years and became the pupil of Mu'tadâ Qulî Beg, surnamed Wâlâ-i-Isfahân, who was attached to the service of Saibuland Khân, and who after his master's death, came to India where he died. After travelling over Persia and performing pilgrimages, Anjab came to India and settled in Dehli, where he met his death at an advanced age. The same Mushafi, who visited Anjab only a few months before his death, says that at the age of seven years Anjab had taken to composing poems, and that he showed the poems of his early youth to the aforesaid Mu'tadâ Qulî Beg. He was a most prolific poet, and even fifty years before his death he had collected about fifty lakhs of verses. He wrote a dîwân in answer to Nazîrî Nîshâpûrî in seven days, while it is said that in every new city where he happened to go he left a new dîwân. Of the numerous works of this prolific poet, Mushafi has personally seen an imitation of Nizâmî's Khamsah, a dîwân of about sixty thousand verses, a big work on the Shî'ah tenets and the tale of the Four Darwîshes, قصهٔ چار درویش, in prose, all of which, says Mushafi, were stolen away from the poet. He also rendered a metrical translation of the eighteen parvas of the Mahâbhârat, which were also taken away by the Rohillas, and out of which only one volume was brought to Mushafi by a certain person for sale. Anjab was above one hundred years when Mushafi met him last.

See also *Hamīyah Bihār* fol 10^b *Rien n p 711* where a *Masnawī* called *فلک اعظم* by this poet is mentioned

fol 1^b A preface by a different person who does not mention his name and designates the poet as *بدیع و ادب* The preface is introduced by a *Rubāi* which runs thus —

ای ذکر تو آب و تاب افراي مشن
حاصل ز ثنای تو تمای مشن

The preface itself begins thus —

تعالی الله من آدمی مشن بهار ایقاد
من نهال سازه سرسبز شده

fol 2 *Qasidahs* and *Gazals* arranged in alphabetical order
Beginning —

خداوند را افروز آن چراغ آرزوم را
کرم کی بر تو نور تجلی و گویم را

fol 287^b *Rubāi* is.

Beginning —

سرمایه رنگ و بو ام ترا
از باغ و بهار برگردم ترا

fol 291^b A preface by Anjeb himself to a larger collection of *Rubāi* is

Beginning —

گلدسته درود از گلزار موه و ا - الوجودی توان

الح

Beginning of the *Rubāi* is —

ای دسته گل که شهر تائید ا
سرمایه عار صوی اهل دید است

fol 301^b *Qasidahs* without any alphabetical order

Beginning —

روی تو زلد طعمه گلستان ارم را
دل بر خون کند آنسه هم را

fol 342^a Sâqî Nâmâh, with a preface by Anjâb
Beginning of the preface —

صافی نامه که سخن صاحب دلائل از اسماعیل آن بهوش آمد الـ

In this preface the author calls himself . عریر الـی الـ
The Sâqî Nâmâh begins thus

خدا داد تا دسرخس تاج را
سنانبد بر خاک افلاک را

Written in a fair small Nīm Shikastah
Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 396.

fol 226, lines 15, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5.7\frac{1}{2} \times 1$

دیوان امید

DÎWÂN-I-UMÎD.

Qızılbaş Khân, with the takhallus Umîd, whose original name was Muhammad Ridâ, was born, according to his contemporary biographers, 'Alî Qulî Khân Dâgîstânî, fol 54^b, and Husaynî, fol 33^b, in Hamadân, but was brought up and educated in Isfahân, where he enjoyed the learned society of Mirzâ Tâhî Wahîd, Amîr Najât, Fâ'id Abhari, and other meritorious poets of that place. He came to India in the beginning of the reign of Bahâdur Shâh, and through the influence of Dulfiqâr Khân, received the mansab of hazâ'î (one thousand), and by gradual promotions rose to the mansab of chahâ'î hazâ'î (four thousand) during the time of Muhammad Shâh. He subsequently entered the service of Nawwâb Nizâm-ul-Mulk Âsaf Jâh, with whom Umîd came to Dihlî in A H 1148 = A D 1735. When Âsaf Jâh returned to the Deccan, Umîd did not accompany him and passed his last days in Dihlî where he died, according to Riyâd, in A H 1159 = A D 1746. Besides being a poet of some note, he is said to have been an expert musician.

Contents —

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

مرا سر همجو مهر و ماه گردیدم دنیا را
ندارد منزل آسایشی دیدم دنیا را

fol 216^b مفردات or detached verses

Beginning —

هرگز رکوبی یارمشر مکسم ما
خون گرد ناد خاک سر مکسم ما

fol 221 Ruba'is

Beginning —

در حسرتی که ما بی الله ا
ما بده او هم خدا آگاه است

fol 225 Mukhammasat

Beginning —

نابند طاعت دوری مرا نه تاب ددن هم
نه راز خود توانم گفت با کس نه

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 19th century

No 397

fol 20 lines (centre col) 21 (margl col) 45 size 9 × 6 6 × 3

The same

A selection of Gazals from the diwan of Umid

Beginning as above

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

Dated Azimabad (Istn) A.H. 1215

No. 398.

fol 238, lines 15, size $11 \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, $8\frac{3}{4} \times 4$

کلیات، حسینی

KULLIYÂT-I-HUSAYNÎ.

The poetical works of Husaynî

Dr Sprenger, p 430, while noticing a similar copy of Husaynî's Kulliyât identifies the poet with Husayn Dûst bin Abû Tâlib of Sambhal, who adopted the poetical title of Husaynî and is the author of the well-known tadkîrah called Tadkîrah-i-Husaynî, which he composed, according to the following chronogram found at the end of the said Tadkîrah, in A H 1163 = A D 1749. But in the following heading of a tâîikh, fol. 112^a, relating to the construction of the poet's house, he is called *میر محمد شریه ، الحسینی*, Mîr Muhammad Sharif-ul-Husaynî

تاریخ تعمیر کردن سدۀ درگاه میر محمد شریه ، الحسینی حانۀ
خود را

while in the colophon he is distinctly called *منخلص الحسینی راری* while in the following line of a Rubâ'î, fol 220^a, he refers thus to his native country, Ray

یا رد ، تو مرا رری بهد آوردی الح

From a careful perusal of his Kulliyât, we learn that from Ray he came to India and lived in Dehlî, was in the service of Farrukh Siyar and Muhammad Shâh, and was present at the invasion of Nâdir, whom the poet accompanied to several places in India, that several sons and one daughter, called Qamar-un-Nisâ Begam, were born to him, and that he was still alive in A H 1166 = A D 1752

A series of tâîikhs relating to numerous contemporary events cover fol 110^a-140^b. Most of the poems in the beginning are in praise of Farrukh Siyar, Muhammad Shâh, and various nobles of their court

According to the following chronogram, fol 2^b, the poet completed the dîwân in A H 1145 = A D 1732

Contents —

I

This section consists mostly of Masnawis of different metres and on different subjects with a few Qasidas Muhammadis etc
Beginning as in Sprenger p 430 —

دستاره دیوان - بی حوله بی
صد رنگ گل حسر از آن ناع بصی

On fol 19^b is a Masnawī dealing with the story of the Love of Ya qub Ali Khan Ming Bushī with Safiyah Begam at Barampurī —

حاصل شدن یعقوب علی خان ملک ناسی بر صفه بیگم که در
مره برم نوری بهم رسانده بود

It begins thus —

سوا مسانه دره * اری
که آوردم نظم از بی ناری

II

Suqi Namahs and Qasidas in praise of Ali some of the nobles of Delhi with a few satirical poems on Sa d ud Din Khan and others
Beginning on fol 66^b —

با صاحب صوح و سکم با
می برتکال فرنگم با

III

Tarikhhs relating to numerous contemporary events the dates of which range from A H 1124-1166 = A D 1711-1752
Beginning on fol 110^b —

مصدق منه آن صله انس و جان
سر سروران شاه شاهان

IV.

Gazals in alphabetical order.

Beginning on fol 141^b

کرده ام ورد زبان تا مد اسم الله را
 مجمع برم دل بودم ذکر الا الله را

fol 218 should be followed by fol 220

V

Rubâ'is

Beginning on fol 220^a

یاز ، تو مرا ز روی بهد آوردی
 با آنکه نکرده بس دم مردي
 آتیا هو گاهگار و حاصي بودم
 در خاک سیه ساندی و نوردي

VI.

Fards or detached verses

Beginning on fol 222^b.—

هرره کردیها وقار خود میدانم ما
 تا که چا بر مسد قدر صاعب کرده ایم

VII

Elegies, the first in the form of Mukhammas

Beginning on fol 224^a

نکرند ای مسلمانان که سیه محتبي فاسم
 نرآمد از درون به به با جسم نکا فاسم

The colophon, dated A.H. 1167, runs thus —

افضل الله . نامام رسید . دنوان معلي بنان منخلص
 بهسني راري مسني بهر محمد سره ، تاريخ حرة شهر رمضان
 المبارک لفظ به ه ، صعبه ، مهمل مسح طال ، علم در دار الخلافه

ساز جهان آباد در سنه ۶ جلوس احمد شاه غازی مطابق سنه
۱۱۶۷ هجری مقدمه مرقوم گشت

Several seals of Amjad Ali Shah and Wajid Ali Shah the late
kings of Oudh are fixed at the beginning and the end of the copy

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

No 399

fol 354 line 10 size $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ $6 \times 2\frac{3}{4}$

دیوان آرزو

DÎWÂN-I-ÂRZÛ

Siraj ud Din Ali Khan with the takhallus Ârzû the well known
author of the most famous biographical work *Majma un Nafais* was
born in Akbarabad in A.H. 1101 = A.D. 1689. He traced his origin
on the paternal side to Shaykh Kamal ud Din the sisters son of
Shaykh Nasir ud Din Mahmûd Chiragh i Dihli while from his maternal
side he claimed descent from Shaykh Muhammad Gaus Guwahiyari.
At an early age he applied his mind to the writing of poetry and he
composed among other works the valuable biographical work *Majma*
un Nafais in A.H. 1164 = A.D. 1750. In A.H. 1132 = A.D. 1719 he came
from Guwahyar to Shahjahanabad where he became familiar with
Anand Ram Mukhlis who besides other noble treatments secured for
Ârzû a respectable mansab from the emperor. It was also here that
Ârzû found a very influential patron in the person of Mutaman ud
Daulah Ishaq Khan Shustari after whose death he continued to enjoy
the same favour from his patron's son Najm ud Daulah who besides
other favours granted Ârzû a monthly allowance of one hundred and
fifty rupees. After Najm ud Daulah's death his younger brother
Salar Jang continued to patronise Ârzû and with this benefactor
the poet came to his grandfather Shaykh Kamal ud Din's house in
Lucknow in Muharram A.H. 1168 = A.D. 1754 and through the kind
intervention of Salar Jang was granted a monthly allowance of three
hundred from Shuja ud Daulah. Ârzû died shortly after on the
23rd of Rabi II A.H. 1169 = A.D. 1755. For some time his body was
preserved in Lucknow but was subsequently removed to Shahjahanabad.

and interred there. Ârzû, in his *Khazânah-i-Âmmiâh*, gives the following chronogram of Ârzû's death

حان والا منان سراج الدين علي
 مجمع رويي بحس نرم گفتگو
 رد رقم آزاد سال رحلس
 رحمت کامل نروح آرزو

Ârzû is admitted on all hands as one of the most eminent authors and poets of his age. The *diwân* he left and his *Tanbih-ul-Gâfilîn*, a criticism on Shaykh 'Alî Hazin, added a further popularity to his reputation. Besides the *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is* and the *diwân*, he left several works, such as

1. *سراج اللغة*, or glossary of the ancient poets, contains those words and phrases used by modern poets, which are omitted in the *Farhang-i-Jahângîrî*, *Surûrî*, *Burhân-i-Qâtî*, etc., composed in A.H. 1117 = 1734

2. *حراج هدايا*. A poetical glossary.

3. *هدهد كبرى*. A treatise on eloquence

4. *موهبة*. A treatise on rhetoric

5. *انان*. A commentary on Sa'dî's *Gulistân*

6. *شرح مسکدر نامه*, or a commentary on Nizâmî's *Sikandar Nâmah*.

7. *شرح قفايد حرفي*, or a commentary on 'Ufî's *Qaṣ'idahs*

8. *حراة اللغة*. A vocabulary of Hindî words explained in Persian

9. *جواب*, or *اصا*, *مير*. Answers to Munîr's criticism on Qudsi's poems

10. *شرح مصحح البعاني*. Glosses to Taftâzânî's shorter commentary on the third chapter of the *Talkhîs* on rhetoric

11. *شرح گلکسي مير نجات*. A commentary on Mir Najat's *Masnavî*, *گلکسي* (See No 379)

Ârzû himself gives an account of his own in his *Majma'-un-Nafâ'is*, fol. 43^a. See also *Khazânah-i-Âmmiâh*, fol. 93^a, Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, p. 132, Grâcin de Tassy, *Littérature Hindoui*, 1, p. 69, Blochmann's *Â'in-i-Akbarî*, pp. 25-28, Ouseley, *Biographical Notices*, p. 180.

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

ای ۱ اه نام تو منلوح دانا را
حد تو بود مائه قران سان را

The initial line quoted in Sprenger is found here on fol 10^b

fol 340^b Rubais

Beginning —

عالم ناخست ار مهود بحون
گل کرده هرار رنگ آنا رسون

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

The colophon is dated A H 1140 but seems to be a mistake for
A H 1240

No 400

fol 343 lines 16 size 9½ × 6 7½ × 3½

دیوان آذر

DÎWÂN-I-ÂDUR

Haji Lutf Ali Beg with the takhallus Âdur the author of the famous biographical work Âtash Kadah (composed during the years A H 1174-1193 = A D 1760-1779) was born according to his own statement in the aforesaid work at Isfahan in A H 1174 = A D 1760. He belonged to a noble family of the Shamlû Turks and was the cousin of Wali Muhammad Khan Masrûr. According to several biographers Lutf Ali Beg in the beginning adopted the poetical title of Walih and subsequently of Nakhat but finally changed both the titles for Âdur by which epithet he became so well known.

Mushafi fol 11 gives a very interesting account of the poet's adopting the title of Âdur. He introduces his narration with the remark that Lutf Ali Beg was an exceedingly good looking man and that in beauty he surpassed all the inhabitants of Isfahan. Mushafi then goes on to say that Lutf Ali Beg at first adopted the takhallus of Mahrum and it so happened that one day in a gathering he met two poets viz Mirza Muhammad Jafar Kahib and Âbu Muhammad Ashiq who made enquiries from Lutf Ali about his poetical title. To this

Lutf 'Alî replied that his takhallus was محروم, Mahrûm or "Disappointed," and in return asked from Âgâ Muhammad about his poetical surname, who responded that he composed verses under the takhallus عاشق, 'Âshiq or "Lover" Mahrûm then asked Râhib about his takhallus, to which the latter replied that he chose the epithet بده عاشق محروم, Bandah-i-'Âshiq-i-Mahrûm or "The Slave of a Disappointed Lover" This witty reply of Râhib caused a great laughter in the whole assembly, and Lutf 'Alî, taking it ill, left the assembly in rage, and from that day, says Mushafî, Lutf 'Alî changed his takhallus to Âduî He also composed a Yûsuf Zalikhâ in A H 1176 = A D 1762

Mushafî, who composed his tadkîrah in A H 1199, speaks of Âduî in the present tense, and says that the poet was then of about sixty years of age

For references to his life and works see Makhzan-ul-Ġarâ'ib, fol 81, Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm, fol 39^b, Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 48^a, Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâr, p 57 See also Rieu, 1, p 375, Ethe, Bodl Lib Cat, No 384, etc, Ethé, India Office Lib Cat, No 693, etc, Sprenger, Oude Cat, p 161, etc, Bland, in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, vii, p 345, W Pertsch, Berlin Cat, p 624, etc

Contents —

fol 1^b Qasîdahs, without alphabetical order

Beginning —

دريغا كه تا خود ندیدم مسامحه

و نه مواضع انبسی مسامحه

fol 112^b Gazals, in alphabetical order

Beginning —

دور از تو جان سرون دوار بود یارا

گر نه وریده ماندیم معدور دار مارا

fol 155^b Masnawîs

Beginning —

بسیوید ای معسر آرادگان

این حکایب از دل ار که دادگان

fol 163^b Rubâ'îs

Beginning —

دور از بسی در اندر رار بها (sic)

دندم ر بود در حوا ، بسی نار بها

fol 173^b Another series of Qasidahs

Beginning —

رآمد و رفت روز و نهار
بار آمد بهار و رفت حران

fol 243^b Another series of Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

بود که در گذرند از گناهکاری ما
که نس از گنه ماست سرمساری ما

fol 396^b Ruba'is

Beginning —

آن یار که کرده ام ناو ناریها
وان دوست که دیده ام ارو حواریها

Some folios are misplaced in the middle portion of the copy. The right order should be 157 160-163 165 158 159 166

The colophon runs thus —

بسم الله امر خسرو بهندگان سر صاحب معالي مناقب
امیر این الا میر این الا میر خسرو میر صاحب میر مراد علی
خان دعا گو نور محمد دیوان رقی را ناتمام رسانید — تاریخ
۷ ماه صفر سنه ۱۲۱۸

Written in fair Nasta'liq with a beautifully illuminated double page unwan

No 401

fol 118 lines 13 size 8 x 5 6 1/2 x 3 1/2

دیوان • ای

DÎWÂN-I-MUSHTÂQ

Mir Sayyid Ali with the takhallus Mushtaq was a Husayni Sayyid of Isfahan and an intimate friend of Lutf Ali Khan Âdur who collected

Mushtâq's dîwân after his death. See Atash Kadh, p 536, Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, fol 404^a, Rieu, p 813^b

fol 1^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning

محوان ز دیرم نکهه راهد که برده ار که ، دل می انا
ساله هماره ، بعصه ساقی بصدده ساغر بگریه مینا

fol 94^a Rubâ'is

Beginning —

ای رسته سدگ ، در گردن ما
هم از تو بود روی تو آوردن ما

fol 97^b Tarjî'-bands.

Beginning

من کسدم از هم کمیدی
در حلقه زله ، پایسیدی

fol 109^b Qasîdahs.

Beginning —

مخفل امروز همان نار در ایوان
علم و سعده امرا ، زرین مسجل

Written in fair Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century.

No. 402.

fol. 610, lines 15, size 8 × 5, 5 × 3.

کلیات، حزین

KULLIYÂT-I-HAZÎN.

The complete poetical works of Hazîn

Shaykh 'Muhammad, popularly called 'Alî, and with the poetical nom de plume, Hazîn, was one of the most accomplished writers of the

later period. He was the son of Shaykh Abu Talib Gilani and was born in Isfahan Rabi II A.H. 1103 = A.D. 1691. Hazin traced his descent from Shaykh Zahid Gilani the spiritual guide of the celebrated Shaykh Safi ud Din Ardabili.

In the preface to his commentary on his *مصده لامة* the poet designates himself thus —

ابو المعالي محمد الـ، هر بعلي ابن ابى طالب بن عبد الله بن
جمال الدين حلي الراهدى الصلى

Born of a learned and highly respectable family and himself a scholar of vast learning, Hazin commanded the respect of kings and nobles. It is said in the *Mir'at i Âftab Numa* and *Nishtar i Ishq* that Shah Tahmasp son of Sultan Husayn reportedly went to visit the poet in his own house. He received his early education from his father and later on learnt Muhammadan Law, Jurisprudence, Logic, Mathematics, Sciences and other subjects from several specialists of Isfahan and Shiraz among whom some of his biographers name his uncle Shaykh Ibrahim Gilani the celebrated Mulla Baqir Majlisi (who is said to have been closely related to Hazin), Mir Muhammad Masih of Persia and others. Being conscious of the wonderful genius of Hazin his father intended to educate the boy in all the branches of Muhammadan literature but the future poet while still a mere child showed a marked inclination for poetry and in spite of his father's prudent precepts directed his attention towards versification and composed poems concealing them from his father.

It is said that at the age of seven Hazin composed a *Gazal* in answer to Shaukat Bukhari and another when he was nine years old in answer to Tahir Wahid who praised the composition highly. One day several poets gathered in Hazin's father's house happened to be extolling the poetical genius of Hazin. In the course of conversation they began to praise Muhtashum Kashi (d. A.H. 916 = A.D. 1587) and one of them cited the following beautiful *matla* of this eminent poet —

اي گردن بلند مدان در كشد تو
رحاي آفریده مد بلند تو

Mawlana Hasan who was present in that assembly asked Hazin to compose a *matla* in answer to that of Muhtashum and the boy poet spontaneously extemporized thus —

صد از حرم كشد حم جعد بلند تو
موياد از نطاول مسكن كشد تو

His father and the whole assembly were amazed at the wonderful skill of the boy, and Maulânâ Fasan, in his enthusiasm, kissed the forehead of the boy poet. Mushafî, quoting from Hazîn, says that from that day Hazîn obtained his father's permission to compose poetry.

In his early years Hazîn travelled all over Persia, and in A.H. 1143 = A.D. 1730, after performing a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, he came to Lâr. Here Hazîn had hardly passed a couple of months when a number of the citizens, at the instigation of Mirzâ Baqir Kalântar, killed Walî Muhammad Khân Shâmlû, who at this time was sent here as governor by Nâdir Shâh. The murderers, who had rebelled against Nâdir, became acquainted with Hazîn and divulged the story. In the meantime Muhammad Khân Balûch, who was sent with a large army to invade Jahm, جهم, hearing the news of Walî Muhammad's fate, hastened to Lâr. The rebels, on hearing of Muhammad Khân's arrival, tried to escape from the city, but were arrested and most of them killed on the spot. Hazîn, who was found in the company of the conspirators, being suspected as an accomplice, was subjected to various tortures and ill-treatment. To avoid these hardships the poet fled to Kûmân, and was on the point of leaving that place for Ardabil, when the governor of Kûmân, through the help of one of Walî Muhammad's servants, sent the intimation of Hazîn's presence in Kûmân to Muhammad Taqî Khân Mashhadî, the Beglerbegî of the Province. Taqî Khân was about to proceed against Hazîn as a criminal, when, to the good luck of the poet, 'Alî Qulî Khân Wâlih Dâgîstânî, the well-known author of the famous biographical work *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, (on whose account the present biographical notice of the poet is for the greater part based, and who at this juncture was staying here waiting for a ship to India), received information of Hazîn's perilous situation. The aforesaid Beglerbegî was an intimate friend of Wâlih, and the latter, a fellow-citizen of Hazîn, being anxious for the poet, liberated him from the hand of the Beglerbegî Wâlih and Hazîn then came together to Bandar-i-'Abbâs, where they received hospitable treatment from Mirzâ Ismâ'il, the governor of the port. Leaving Hazîn with the aforesaid Mirzâ, Wâlih set out for India. Hazîn was still suspected as a criminal, and finding his position unsafe in any part of Persia, he at last embarked for India, never to return to his beloved motherland. He landed here ten days after his friend Wâlih's arrival. According to the author of the *Mir'ât-i-Âftâb-Numâ*, Hazîn came to India in A.H. 1146 = A.D. 1733, while the author of the *Nishtar-i-'Ishq* says that Hazîn, after leaving the Persian port, reached Bhakar, and then by the way of Multân and Lahore, reached Shâhjahânâbâd in A.H. 1147 = A.D. 1734. Both the friends, Wâlih and Hazîn, continued to live in the imperial city of Delhi, and, on one occasion, the latter went to Lahore. At this time Nâdir, with his powerful

army invaded India and Hazin finding his position unsafe in Lahore hastened back to the imperial city and secluded himself in the house of Walih. After Nadir's withdrawal from India Hazin again went to Lahore where this time he incurred the displeasure of Zakariya Khan Dilawar Jang the Subahdar of Lahore who became an enemy to the poet but Walih coming to know of his friend's dangerous position wrote to Husayn Quli Khan who had been sent as an ambassador to Nadir Shah and was at this time returning from his mission to take care of Hazin and bring him safely to Shahjahanabad. Hazin's vast reputation as a poet had already spread abroad over distant countries and in the imperial city he received the warm favours of the king and was highly respected by the nobles and chiefs of the imperial throne. It is said that Nawwab Umdat ul Mulk Amir Khan who adopted the poetical title of Anjam secured for the poet from the king a Jagir of forty thousand rupees near Akbarabad and that the king also on one occasion awarded the poet a sum of five lakhs through the said Umdat ul Mulk. It is related in some tadhkirahs that the emperor Muhammad Shah once requested Hazin to come to him and to delight him with some of his beautiful compositions and that the poet turned a deaf ear to the imperial order. The emperor it is said then personally went to Hazin's house but the poet hearing the news of the emperor's arrival stealthily left the place on the pretence of visiting the sacred tomb of Khvajah Bahkt or Kaki and thus avoided the meeting. Being proud of his affluence and ability Hazin remark some of his biographers began to look down on the Amirs and nobles and commenced says his friend Walih as the poet's nature was to write satires against the citizens and did not even spare the king and his nobles. In spite of his friend Walih's advice Hazin continued his satirical writings till says Walih the poet lost all esteem in the eyes of the public. Walih seeing that his counsel was of no use to Hazin and having consideration for the responsible office he held under the emperor and the high public esteem had at last to his deep regret to give up his friendship with Hazin and cut off all communication with the poet with whom he had been intimately associated for so long a time and whom he had saved from so many persecutions. Hazin then began to criticise the eminent poets of the imperial court and wrote satires against many of them such as Siraj ud Din Ali Khan Ârzu the author of the famous Persian biographical work Majma'un Nafais Mir Muhammad Afzal Sibti and others. In revenge Ârzu wrote the تنبیه الغافل, Tanbih ul Gafilin or A Warning to the Careless in which he collected a large number of small verses from Hazin's diwan and criticisingly pointed out mistakes therein. Another friend of Hazin's the learned Azad Balgami in his Khazinah-i Imrah tried to defend the poet by writing a refutation to Ârzu's criticisms.

Again, one day a friend of the eminent poet, Muhammad Afdal Sâbit, read a verse of Sâbit's to Hazîn, who remarked that the verse was the composition of another poet and that Sâbit had stolen it. Sâbit's son, Muhammad 'Azîm Sabât, seeing his father thus insulted, collected in a few days about five hundred verses from Hazîn's diwân, and gave out that they were all stolen by Hazîn from other poets. Hazîn also wrote satires against the people of Kashmîr, who revenged themselves by inducing Mullâ Sâti' and other Kashmîrian poets to write satires against Hazîn. He was thus disgraced before the public, and had made himself enemies all around him. He had offended the king, wounded the feelings of the nobles and chiefs, and had affronted the favourite poets of the court. Finding himself in a dangerous situation and entirely defenceless, Hazîn had to quit the imperial city. He came to Akbarâbâd, which place he shortly afterwards left for Benares. At the request of his pupil, Râjah Râm Narâyan, the Nâzîm of 'Azîmâbâd (Patna), Hazîn once came to Azîmâbâd, but shortly after returned to Benares, where he spent his last days, which place he loved so much and to which he refers thus

ار بارمں بروم معد عام ام ، ایجا
هر رهمن بجه لسهمن و رام ام ، ایجا

Hazîn died here a peaceful death in A H 1180 = A D 1766, and was buried in the tomb he had himself built only a few years before his death. The place where this great author lies buried is known as Fâtîmân, and the following lines of his own, engraved by himself, can still be seen

رناں دان محمد ، نوده ام دیگر نمدا نم
همسدانم که گوس ار دوم ، سعامي نمبد ایجا
حرین ار نای ره سما نی سرگسگی دیدم
مر موریده بر نالی آسایس نمبد ایجا

The following note on the margin of Wâlih's *Rijâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 111^b, describes thus the poet's death

سبح محمد علی حرین در بلدۀ بارمں دهم حمادی الاول هـ
سنة ۱۱۸۰ هجرى رحلت فرمود و طریق جوی
سهر مسطور در ناع که در انجا ترکا ، حمراء ، صلوہ الہ عدهم
محمدي بنا نهاده گذاشته است و آنرا بجه ساه مسگوید وقت

دو نامس روز بر آمده مد فون بدند — عربی در وطن نگرام تاریخ
 صوری و معوی در مصراع نامه —
 — نکهتار و نکصد و اد مال —

Dr Ethé in his Ind Office Lib Cat No 1712 places the poet's death on the 19th Jumada A H 1180 Besides being an accomplished author and an eminent Persian poet Hâzin was a good Arabic scholar and his Arabic Qasidahs are to be found in copies of his Kulliyat He was also well skilled in calligraphy and wrote a beautiful Shikastah hand He wrote four diwans the last of which he completed in A H 1150 = A D 1742 Complete copies of his Kulliyat are mentioned in Ethé Bodl Lib Cat No 1184 Sprenger p 420 Among his other prose treatises may be mentioned the تذکره الاحوال, or the autobiography of the poet which he wrote in A H 1104 = A D 1741 An English translation of this work was published by F C Balfour London 1830 and the Persian text by the same London 1831 His poetical works with this autobiography were lithographed under the title of the Kulliyat i Hâzin in Lucknow A H 1203 and the واعاب واهد or the accounts of the warlike expeditions of Persian kings against India from A H 1134-1104 = A D 1722-1741 that is down to Ahmad Shah Abdali See W Iertsch Berlin Cat p 04 No 11 and Ethé Ind Office Lib Cat No 1714 His other Masnawis are خرابات and فرهنگ نامه, مطلع الانظار See Ethé Bodl Lib Cat No 1180 where the seven Masnawis of the poet are mentioned See also Sprenger Oude Cat loc cit

For notices on the poet's life see Riyâd ush Shu'ara fol 111^b Majma'un Nafais vol 1 fol 123 Mushafî fol 23^b Makhzan ul Gharib fol 200 Nishtar i Ishq fol 040 Majma ul Fusaha p 04 Natan ul Afkar p 132 etc

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امساح نامه نام آوران گهان حدبو متن و مصاح انواب
 فوصات الح

Beginning of the Gazal —

درین درنای بی نایان درین طوفان سوراخرا
 لال انگندیم بسم الله محترها و مرستها

fol 409^b Qasīdahs, without any alphabetical order, preceded by a prose preface
Beginning

ابن الطاهر ملبس فوقك مې الح

fol 410^b Beginning of the first Qasīdah

مگر نفی سر ، یکنای بی همتاستی
دفس لا در جسم واحد ، بین من آلامنی

fol 481^a Preface to the Masnawī Safī-i-Dīl
Beginning.

له الحمد في الآخرة و الأولى و السلام علي سيدنا المصطفى
الح

The Maṣnawī begins thus

نهای مایسنه دلدار را
مسام مراوان ر ما یار را

fol 502^a. Another Masnawī
Beginning

بام آنکه آذر را من صاحب

fol 513^a Prologue and epilogue of the
Tadkīrat-ul-Āshiqīn.
Beginning

سافی رمی موحدا نه الح

fol 521^b Rubā'is, in alphabetical order
Beginning

ای جسم و حراع دل جدیدت ما
درواه تو خاک سد دل و دیدت ما

fol 570^a Muqatta'at
Beginning —

انا حسن القلب ، منك مستغدي
ولو بدود ، الخلق ، محاسنا

fol 586 مسرفات غزلات

Beginning —

حق ۱ م دارم حوس مدان بوستاني را
که سرو از مصرع من ناد مگرد رواني را

Written in fair Nasta liq on various coloured papers

Dated 12۵8 Fash

No 403

fol 402 lines 13 size 11 × 6½ 6½ × 4½

ديوان حرس

DÎWÂN-I-HAZÎN

A collection of Hazin's Ġazals and some miscellaneous poems

fol 1^b Ġazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

دريں درياي بي ناناں درين طوفان سوراخرا الح

fol 368^b مسرفات

Beginning —

حق ۲ م دارم حوس مدان بوساني را الح

Some folios are missing towards the end

A note on fol 367^b says that this copy was written by one کمانمل
at Azimabad during the reign of Shah Âlam Bahadur Shah

Written in a fair Nasta liq

No. 404.

fol. 292, lines 16, size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 7$, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$

The same

Another copy of Hazin's diwan

Beginning as above

The *منعرجه* begins on fol. 276^b.

Written in a fair Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century.

No 405.

fol. 67, lines 19, size 12×8 , $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

قصاید علی حزیں

QASÂ'ID-I-'ALÎ HAZÎN.

A collection of Hazin's Qasidas, arranged in alphabetical order
Beginning on fol. 1^a —

در دمی به روز ، یکای بی به اسنی الح

The last Qasidah is *در هتو کسمری*
Beginning —

کس ندیده بوطن مردن کسمری را
بتهان خون به ، موراند دوان دانه طل

Written in a rough Nasta'liq
Not dated, apparently 19th century

Nq 406

fol 74 lines 10 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{7}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another copy of Hâzin's Qasidahs with some Qit'ahs
Beginning as above
The Qit'ahs begin on fol 59 —

ای صاحبی که از این رنگ و بوی نو
خون کرمه در جگر گلا ان کم

Written in a fair Nasta'liq
Not dated apparently 19th century

No 407

fol 324 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

تذکرہ المعاصرین

TADKIRAT-UL-MU'ÂSIRÎN

A very valuable copy of the biographical notices of ninety nine
contemporary poets of Persia compiled in A.H. 1160 = A.D. 1752 with
some prose and poetical treatises written two years before his death

Beginning —

بِغَايَةِ اللَّهِ حَمْدِ نَجْوَانِیْ کِه اَوْرَاقِ نَیْسَانِ مَحْصُوحِه کُوْنِ وَ مَکَانَ
بِاِیْرَمِیْهِ اِیْضَادِ مِیْرَاةِ نِیْسِه اَلِیْ

fol 80^b رباعی در کماله ، نفس و نبرد Beginning with a
Rubai —

نِی حَقْلِ نِکِه لَایزالِ تُو رَمِدِ اَلِیْ

Beginning of the Risalah —

اِنَا حَمْدُکَ نَا قُدُوسِ وَ نَا نَارِیْ السُّمُوسِ نُوْرُ مَلُوْکِ اَلِیْ

- fol-93^b رسالة اوران سرعى On the weight of coins and legal measures
Beginning

الحمد لله رب العالمين حمدا كبيرا الح

- fol 98^a Another prose treatise, entitled مسألة حدود ، و قدم
Beginning

الحمد لله على الآيه و نسكرة على نعمائه الح

- fol 105^b حواء ، رفعا ، سح س مرحوم
Beginning —

صا ، والا مقام سلاله الكرام سلام ، الح

- fol 110^b Prologue to the dīwān.
Beginning

امساح نامه نام آوران الح

- fol 114^a Epilogue to the dīwān
Beginning —

هان اي داس مسكران ديده ور الح

- fol 120^b رسالة در خواص الحيوان ، رسالة هديه , also called
on zoology
Beginning

سپاس بي سپاس كه مدارك اوهام الح

- fol 165^b رسالة فرسامه , on fairyery
Beginning

سواران مصمار بديگي و مير افگندي را الح

- fol 205^b شرح مسمدة لامه , Persian commentary on his own
مسمدة لامه , which he composed in praise of 'Alī
Beginning —

لسان حال و نرهان مقال سپاس بالا ، اماس الح

At the end of the commentary on the لامه ~ runs the following colophon dated A H 1178 —

٢٠ ١١ = ده الامة المباركة العبد البصاق الي ربه العبي
 جمال الدين محمد ١١ هر علي ابن ابي طالب بن عبد الله بن
 جمال الدين علي الراهدي الصلاني بخط العبد البصاق الراحي
 تركب الله في سنة ١١٧٨ هجري

رساله معاد fol 271^b

Beginning —

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم و به تسعس و له الصد في الآخرة
 والاولي الح

The colophon here is dated 19th Rajab A H 1178 The رساله معاد is followed by a treatise explaining the meaning of the verse—

من يصي العظام وهي رميم

The treatise is introduced by the following heading which fully explains the subject of the work —

در جواب سوال سائلي كه بمعاد همس جسم دلنوي نآه قال
 من يصي العظام وهي رميم و قول حواحه نصر در مسئله حرم
 و السام املاك و انكه احراي اصله نامي حواهد بود و ~ م و
 معاد ازان حواهد بود استدلال كرده بود نومه اند —

It begins thus on fol 240 —

كسانكه سرماه حصول معارف ~ * ه علي ماهي حله

الح

fol 249^b و ددعه الودعه or as in Lth' Bodl Lib Cat Nos 1184 and 1185 و ددعه المديعه A Masnawi poem in imitation of Sanā' s Hadīqah

Beginning —

كلما في الوجود لس مواه الح

The colophon is dated 19th Rabi II A H 1178

fol 302^b **صغر دل** A Masnawî in imitation of Sa'dî's Bûstân,
with a preface beginning

له الحمد في الآخرة و الأولى و السلام علي سيدنا المصطفى
صه الوري الح

The poem begins thus on fol 303^a

نأهائي مايسنه دلدار را
مسامس مراوان ر ما يار را

The **تذكرة المعاصرين** is mentioned in Rieu, i, p. 372, W Pertsch, Beil Cat, p 621, Bland, in Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, iv., p 147, Gracien de Tassy Memoire sur la religion musulmane, p. 112, Sprenger, p 135, Ethé, Ind Office Lib Cat., Nos 678 and 679.

No. 408.

fol 59, lines 14; size $9 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$, $6 \times 3\frac{3}{4}$

The same

Another copy of Hazin's *Tadknat-ul-Mu'âsinin*.

Beginning as above

Written in a fan Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 409.

fol 70, lines 15, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, 8×4

فرسنامه حزس

A copy of Hazin's *Faías Namah*

Beginning as usual

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 19th century.

No 410

fol 67 lines 10-19 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \quad 8 \times 4$

شرح وصید لامة

A copy of Hazin's commentary on his *وصید لامة* Written
seven years before his death

Beginning —

لسان حال و ترجمان مثال الح

The original folios have been placed in new margins

The colophon is dated Safar A H 1173

Written in ordinary Nasta liq

No 411

fol 151 lines 12 size $9 \times 1\frac{3}{4} \quad 7 \times 4$

کلیات شعر

KULLIYÂT-I-FAQÎR

The poetical works of Faqîr

Mir Shams ud Din Abbâsî who adopted the titles of Faqîr as well
as of Maftûn traced his origin on the paternal side to the prophet's
uncle 'Abbas bin Abd ul Muttalib and is therefore called Abbâsî. He
was born in *Shâh Jahânâbâd* A H 1110 = A D 1703 and was one of the
most accomplished Persian scholars of India. The author of the
Khulasat ul Afiar an intimate friend of Faydi remarks that no
Indian scholar can reach the ability of Faydi and Shams ud Din Faqîr.
At the age of twenty five he travelled to the Deccan and after staying
there for five years returned with Ozilbash Khan Umid to *Shâh*
Jahanâbâd. The author of the *Gul-i-Rana* fol 225^b who commenced
the work in A H 1181 = A D 1767 and completed it in A H 1182
= A D 1768 while speaking of the poet in the present *Unso* says that
on the 6th of Muharram A H 1181 = A D 1767 Faqîr set out for a

pilgrimage to Mecca, and that on the 26th of that month he wrote a letter to Ġulâm 'Alî Âzâd (*d* A H 1200) intimating his (Faqîr's) safe arrival at the port of Suiaţ. So we cannot agree with Di Ethé (*Ind Office Lib Cat*, No 1710), who places the poet's death in A H 1180 or A H 1181 = A D 1766 or 1767. The author of the *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, fol 1389, says that in A H 1181 = A D 1767, Faqîr set out for a pilgrimage to Mecca and reached Auiangâbâd, where he stayed for one week, and then travelling viâ Suiaţ reached the holy city of Mecca. After staying here for two years the poet embarked for India, and after passing the port of Basrah perished by shipwreck. The date of this incident, as given by the author of the said *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, is A H 1183 = A D 1769, and in support of this date the said author says that Ġulâm 'Alî Âzâd, an intimate friend of Faqîr, composed the following chronogram

رب ار عالم سجنوري سپرين هاي
روانبدہ بکاک ساعري رنگس هاي
آراد نوم ، مصرعہ تاريخس
گو آه و در مير مسس الدين هاي

For his life see *Gul-i-Ra'nâ*, fol 226^a. *Khazânah-i-'Amirah*, fol 284^b, *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, fol 1387, *Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ*, fol 314^a, *Khulâsat-ul-Afkâr*, fol 141^a, *Makhazan-ul-Garâ'ib*, fol 657, etc

Contents

fol 1^b Ġazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

اي در طلا ، نام تو آواره نساها
گم کرده ره معني و صه ، تو ساها

fol 99^a Rubâ'is.

Beginning —

اسم الله كه هست ، سرمايۀ جان
جمع اسم ، درو تمام اسماي جهان

fol 105^b

مديوي در نعيه ، دولجانۀ نوا ، امير الامرا ساداتان

Beginning —

دگر بر روی طبع پکنه بردار
دری گردیده از صص صص نار

fol 110^b **نصور مصب** The love story of Ram Chand the son
of a Betel seller

Beginning —

خداوند دلای ده سعه منام
که از سورس صد آس نام

fol 146^b **مسوی در واقعہ خاسور کرلا**

Beginning —

نار از ماه محرم در جهان
نارہ صد داغ مہ دومان

Besides the above Masnawī the poet left also several other Masnawī poems *eg* —

والہ و سلطان (see below)

سبس الصبی (see below)

در مکون The story of the daughter of Qaysar i Rām ملکہ or

and the Imam Hasan Askari composed in A H 1169
= A D 1755 See Etthe Ind Office Lib Cat No 1710

نصفہ الساب or the Present of Youth Composed in A H 1143

= A D 1730 See Etthe Ind Office Lib Cat ib and Sprenger p 396

He also left several prose treatises on prosody rhetorical art metres
rhyme and tropical figures *eg* **وامد فی علم العروض و القامد**
خلاصہ البدیعی etc

Copies of his poetical works are mentioned in Sprenger pp 396 and
396 Etthe Ind Office Lib Cat No 1710

Written in bold Nasta liq

Not dated apparently 18th century

No 412

fol 136, lines 15, size $9 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان فقیر

DÎWÂN-I-FAQÎR.

A collection of Shams-ud-Dîn Faqî's poetical works
fol 1^b Beginning of the Gazals, in alphabetical order

ای در طلا ، نام نو آواره ساسها الح

fol 108^a Rubâ'is
Beginning

اسم الله که هست سرمایه حان الح

The copy ends with some Taijî'-bands, Qit'ahs and the Masnawî
در نعره ، دوله نوا ، ساداتان

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated A H 1241

No. 413.

fol 96, lines 17, size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3$

واله و سلطان

WÂLIH-WA-SULTÂN.

The love-story of the poet Wâlih, the author of the famous work
Riyâd-ush-Shu'arâ, with his cousin Khadijah, daughter of Hasan 'Alî
Khân, composed in A H 1160 = A D 1747, for which the poet gives two
chronograms in fol 94^b, viz **سخت معنی** and **نظم مسع**

By the same Shams-ud-Dîn Faqî
Beginning

ای واله حسن دلکس ، حان
حسن نو بهر دو کون سلطان

Written in a careless Nasta'liq
Not dated apparently 19th century
The copy bears the signature of Mr Blochmann dated 1870

No 414

foli 212 lines 10 size 8 x 5 6 x 3

الصحى

SHÂMS-UD-DUHÂ

Another Masnawî by Shams ud Din Iqir in praise of the Imams
composed in A H 1173

Beginning as in Sprenger p 390 —

ای نامت ربان سحر طراز
لظن را داده مایه احکار

Written in careless Nasta'liq
Not dated apparently 19th century

No 415

foli 233 lines (centre col) 12 (margin col) 24
size 9 x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان عاشق

DÎWÂN-I-ÂSHIQ

Âqî Muhammad with the takhallus Âshiq was a native of Isfahan
Though a man of humble origin Âshiq possessed poetical genius and
composed elegant verses The celebrated Âdu was an intimate friend
of Âshiq and speaks of the poet in laudable terms According to the

same biographer, 'Āshiq died in A H 1181 = A D. 1767 (See 'Atash Kadah, p 523)

Two copies of the diwân are mentioned in Rieu Suppl, Nos 340 and 341, and one in W Peitsch, Beil No 948

Beginning with Qasîdahs, as in Rieu Suppl, *ib*

درین حراته برار عم که نسبت حای سرور
 هوس آنکه نس نگرد بحر طریق و

fol 29^b Gazals, in alphabetical order.

Beginning in the margin

رہی مسالی کہ ہوں ممالب بسنہ ہسی رمانہ ریا
 حصہ سیرین بدلہ سکر ہمرہ لبلی ہسودہ سلبی

fol 202^b Rubâ'is

Beginning

راہد ہوس کہ خلد در نکساید
 حاند گوید کہ قر ، ہن می ناند

fol 219^b Chronograms, the dates of which range from A H 1143 to A H 1180

Beginning

سد مسرا محمد از این جہاں بر عم
 کر دور رندگانی نگدست نوب او

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated A H 1238.

No 416.

fol 345, lines 11, size $9 \times 5\frac{3}{4}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$

کلیات فوقی

KULLIYÂT-I-FAUQÎ.

Mullâ Fauq-ud-Dîn Ahmad, with the takhallus Fauqî, was a native of Yazd His diwân is full of obscene poems, which the poet wrote, as

he says in his preface because he found they suited the public taste of his day. The author of the *Khulāṭ ul Afkar* fol 140 who in A.H. 1187 = A.D. 1773 received a copy of Fauqī's diwan consisting of about eight thousand verses while supporting the above statement remarks that in the beginning Fauqī like other poets composed poems in praise of his contemporaries but finding that such poems did not suit the age he destroyed all his poems amounting to ten or twelve thousand lines and began to write obscene and indecent poetry. He also came to India but finding that his merit was not much appreciated here he returned to his native land.

Contents —

fol 1^b Preface

Beginning as in Rieu Suppl. No 266 iv —

بعد از حمد خداوند جهان و لعب و رآخِر الرمان الح

The preface is in praise of the Mahumiyjah sect

fol 9^b Farhad wa Shirin

Beginning —

مجن تر ترک نسان فکرا
مجن طوطی هندوسان فکرا است

Comp Rieu Suppl. iv

fol 17^b ساقی نامه

Beginning —

دگر سدگان بهار آمدند
بصد حوی و حسن نار آمدند

fol 78^b Qasidas

Beginning —

گر دو روزی در جهان استقامت داده اند
ار برای طاعتین دون خدمت داده اند

fol 153^b Turbā bands

Beginning —

موی ار روزگار دین بذر الح

fol 159^b Tarjū bands

Beginning —

مانم مرید میکسانرا الح

fol. 165^b Ġazals, in alphabetical order

Beginning

امس ، که داد حلوہ ملک نارگاہ را الح

fol 263^b Rubá'is

Beginning —

آیم که ز حائہ خدا می آیم
ورطو ، حریم مہمانی می آیم

fol 270^b Ornate prose and Inshâs, too indecent to quote

The latter portion of this section is divided into thirty-two parts, each of which is called *جمعه*

A splendid copy, written in beautiful Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with a double-page 'unwân in the beginning and richly illuminated frontispieces

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 417

fol 11, lines 4, size 7 × 4, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

فرسده طوفان

QASÎDAH-I-TÛFÂN.

A very beautiful copy of a Qasîdah by Tûfân

Muzâ Tayyib, with the takhallus Tûfân, was a native of Hazâr Jarîb in Mâzandarân, and, like Fauqî, was known for the pungency of his wit. After receiving his training at home he came to Isfahân where he began to write satirical and licentious poems, but subsequently, when he came to Najaf, he was very penitent on account of his obscene compositions and thenceforth composed poems in praise of the prophet and the Imâms. He died at Najaf in A. H. 1190 = A. D. 1776, and his friend Âdur composed the following chronogram on his death

آسود بود در خاک به ، آدر

طوفان در دریای به ، سدر صفا

See *Atash Kadah*, p 221, and *Majma'-ul-Fusahâ* vol II., p 341.

This copy contains only one Qasidah in praise of Ali. It begins thus on fol 1^b —

حرم آقا که لکر الدازد
گرددش از چرخ اخضر الدازد

The poet's diwan is mentioned in Rieu p 808 and Suppl. No 342. This beautiful copy is written diagonally in a beautiful bold Nastaliq.

fol 1^b and 2 are richly illuminated with beautiful floral designs.

Dated A.H. 1242

Scribe صدر علي سيد الوهي

No 418

fol 304 lines 18 size 10 × 6 8 × ,

دیوان

DÎWÂN-I-MINNAT

Mir Qamar ud Din with the takhallus Minnat originally belonged to Mashhad. One of his ancestors Sayyid Abul Ullah Maḥbadī, better known as Imam Nasir ud Din Sānīpūrī, came to India and settled in Shāhjahānabad where Minnat was born according to Natāj ul Afkār in A.H. 1106 = A.D. 1743 or according to the Ind. Office Lib. Cat. No 1723 about A.H. 1109 = A.D. 1746. He lost his father at an early age and was left under the care of his aunt who was the wife of the celebrated Shāh Wali Ullah.

محدث دهلوی Minnat submitted his poems for correction to Shams ud Din Taqīr who was also a relative of his. He adopted Maulanā Iḥṣār ud Din as his spiritual guide. In A.H. 1191 he came to Lucknow where he attached himself to the service of Nawwāb Āsāf ud Daulah's Pishkār and composed numerous poems in praise of the Amirs of that place. Subsequently he was taken to Calcutta by Mr Richard Johnson and introduced to Governor General Warren Hastings who honoured him with the title of ملک الشعراء.

From this place he went to Haydarabad where he received ample rewards from Nawwāb Nizām Al-Dīn Bahādur and shortly after returned to Calcutta where he died according to Natāj ul Afkār.

p 414, in A H 1207 = A D 1792, or, according to others, A H 1208 = A D 1793

The author of the *Khulâsat-ul-Kalâm* visited Minnat at Murshidâbâd in A H 1195 = A D 1780, and says that at the time of composition of the said work the poet was twenty-seven years of age

See *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâi*, p 414, Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, pp 171, 258, 259 and 498 See also *Ethé*, *India Office Lib Cat*, No 1723

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fol 1^b *Gazals*, in alphabetical order

Beginning

حداوندا مکن سرو ، بسان اندیشه ما را
مزن بر مسگه ، این ناحن مسامان مسسه ما را

fol 174^b *Mukhammasât* on the *Gazals* of Hâfiz, Sa'dî, Wahshî and Mazhar

Beginning —

علی ای سرور حسه ، روی مبحانه دلها
ر لای ناده مهر نو نای حفل در گلها

fol 184^b *Qit'ahs*

Beginning

آن سندی که عارفی نگذشت
نامدادان بسوی مارمنان

fol 191^a *Qasidahs*.

Beginning

هر جا که دست من نو شد سائمان خلق الح

On fol 211^a is a *Qasidah* consisting of letters having no diacritical points

Beginning

امام عادل و معزوم و سرور اکرم
سر آمد ملکه ، و ملک المهر و اعلم

fol 263^a *Masnawîs*.

Beginning

بسکه ار کاکل تو نا بختن مبص رمسبد
مسک در سلسله اس نسک نه بس ، امس مرنس

fol 273 Tarkīb bands and Tawjī bands

Beginning —

مطرب حسن این دمد در پی
لس فی الکاتب خیرک می

fol 300 Wasukhts

Beginning —

نا حد حاکار دل آزار توان بود
ترحم و مسم نسبه و حوینوار توان بود

Written in a fair Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders

Not dated apparently 19th century

No 419

fol 127 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ 6×3

دیوان صانع

DÎWÂN-I-SÂNÎ

Nizām ud Dīn Ahmad with the takhallus Sanī belonged to the 'Usmānī Shāykhī and came of a noble family of Bulgram where he was born in A H 1109 = A D 1726 and died in Calcutta A H 1199 = A D 1784 His name (نظام الدین احمد) forms the chronogram of his birth and the following Qit'ah found at the end of the present copy of the diwan gives the dates of his birth and death —

نظام الدین احمد آنکه نامش
بود تاریخ بهر سال مولود
حو سال رحا س برمسد گویم
دو ه مسم شهر رحب بود

The above date of Sanī's death is also given by his contemporary biographer the author of the Suhuf Ibrāhīm who passed some time in the company of the poet at Benares and to whom the poet sent a copy

of his *diwân* for selection. D¹ Rieu, p 719^a, however, places the poet's death in about A H 1195 = A D 1780.

In his boyhood Sâni' learnt the whole Qur'ân by heart, and later on applied his mind towards poetry under the training of Mîr Nawâzish 'Alî. He also passed some time in Muṣḥidâbâd, but at last came to Calcutta, where he died.

See *Suhuf-i-Ibrâhîm*, fol 511^a, *Nishtar-i-'Ishq*, fol 1001, *Makhzan-ul-Garâ'ib*, fol 483, *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkân*, p 266. See also Rieu, p 718^a, where a copy of the poet's *diwân* is mentioned, Sprenger, *Oude Cat*, p 217, and Gracien de Tassy, *Litt. Hind*, iii, p 54.

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fol 1^b *Gazals*, in alphabetical order.

Beginning —

ر تو ای درد ندیدم حو کساد کار خود را
بصورت حواله کردم همه کار و بار خود را

fol 108^b *Rubâ'is*

Beginning

صع ، نری رس گداح مرا الح

fol 112^a *Tarjîbands*.

Beginning —

مر باد که دل بسپه خون سد الح

fol 115^b *Mukhammasât*

Beginning

ای حوس آدم که م طی ببا نان به ، الح

fol 119^a–127^b Contain a selection from the *diwân* of Sharaf-i-Jahân, written in the same hand.

A careless *Nasta'liq*

Not dated, apparently 19th century.

No 420

fol 319 lines 17 size $9 \times 6 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{4}$

کلیات آشوب

KULLIYÂT-I-ÂSHÛB

Mirza Muhammad Bakhsh with the takhallus Âshub belonged to a Turkish family of the Barlas Ulûs (Chagatai) which on account of the despotic rule of the Uzbek Khans had migrated from Badakhshan to India during the time of Akbar

The author of the *Khulasat ul Afkar* says thus —

اصل وی از ترکان برلاس الومس جعای صرا نس اویاف
ندھا

His maternal grandfather Qubad Beg with the title Dîymat Khan who served under Âlamgir as Subahdar of the Deccan was an accomplished scholar well versed in Hindi *Beds* and in course of his travels over many European countries had made himself fairly conversant with Latin and Greek languages. Âshub was born in Shahjahanabad served for a time under Imad ud Daulah Qamar ud Din Khan and fought by the side of Mu'in ul Mulk in his wars against the Abdalis. Âshub also attached himself to the military staff of Mu'in ul Mulk's brother Khan Khanan Intizam ud Daulah and after satisfying him with his military distinctions received from him the title of Qaswar Khan and a command of two thousand. After serving for some time as Munshi to Imad ul Mulk, Âshub repaired to Lucknow where he met Mr Jonathan Scott at whose request he went to Allahabad in A.H. 1196 = A.D. 1781. According to the author of the *Khulasat ul Afkar* Âshub passed his last days in Lucknow where he died in a state of poverty in A.H. 1199 = A.D. 1784. Besides his Kulliyat consisting of fifty thousand verses and the poem *فتوح سام* Conquest of Syria, Âshub wrote a history of Muhammad Shah in A.H. 1196. See Rien p. 944 where a copy of the work is mentioned and a detailed account of the author is given. See also Sprenger p. 342.

fol 1^b Qasidals

Beginning —

من آن لعلم که کوس است ارزان در بهای من الح

Unfortunately all the folios of this copy are hopelessly misplaced, and all the Qasidas, the Gazals, the Musnawis and the Qut'as are confusingly intermixed

Written in Nimshikastah hand

Not dated, apparently 19th century

SUPPLEMENT

No 421

fol 80 lines 13 size $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ 6×3

مرهم افکار

MARHAM-I-AFKÂR

By مغانی
Beginning —بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
مسئل سراب ریاض مدنی

It is a Masnawî in the metre and style of Nizâmî's *Maḥzan ul Asrar*. The poet's name مغانی occurs in several places and the title of the poem is found thus on fol 63^b —

رحم طمع را جو فرو لب
مرهم افکار نهادم

From some of the verses on fol 63^b it would appear that the poet lived in India during the time of Jahangir (A H 1014–1037) to whom he refers thus —

ساحه لعل بن اکبر
ماسطه اسب و له کسور اسب
دوحه حیات مدر در مدنی
نوب عدالت بر سلطان

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq
Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No. 422.

fol 207, lines 11, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, 7×4 .

دیوان مخفی

DÎWÂN-I-MAKHFÎ.

The authorship of this *diwân* has been popularly ascribed to Zîb-un-Nisâ Begam, who was the eldest child of Aurangzîb, and adopted the poetical title of Makhfî. Both Sprenger, p 480, and Rieu, p 702, ascribed the *diwân* to the above-named lady. From a perusal of the *diwân* it will be seen that besides the style and the mode of expression, which are not what one would expect from a royal lady, there are several evidences in the *diwân* itself which throw grave doubts on the statements of Drs Sprenger and Rieu. For instance, in several places we find that the writer, then living in India, was a native of Khurâsân and had very little admiration for India, *e g*, on fol 5^a

دل آشفته مخفی نه بود ارمن و اوست
بهد امده است ، اما خراسانست ، یونانست
دربین کشور بود های طالع ناهمس دارد
وگر نه در هرمس دی نماند هیچ بهمانس

Agam, on fol 190^b

یو علی روزگارم از خراسان امده
از بی احرار بر درگاه سلطان آمده
هرتی دارم که خون ناز ، درین طلبا ، همد
طوطی مکرم بی مکرر رضوان آمده

On fol 10^a The writer regrets having no means of getting access to the Emperor Shâh Jahân, who is highly spoken of thus

بر در سلطان صبر و صبر ، ندارم کسی
تا که رساند بعرض معتمد ارکان او
نابی صاحبزادان نادمه اس و جان
آنکه ملک مر بهد بر حیا فرمان او

Towards the end there are several poems which to all appearances seem to have been read by the writer on the occasion of visiting the sacred tomb of the prophet

Zib-un Nisa who was born in A.H. 1048 = A.D. 1638 and died A.H. 1114 = A.D. 1702 was a highly accomplished lady known for her literary attainments. She is unanimously admitted to have been well versed in poetry and, according to some left a diwan and it is probably on this understanding that most people ascribe the present diwan to her. Some poems which are generally ascribed to Zib-un Nisa have been inserted in some copies of the diwan. For instance in some of Dr. Ross's collection of MSS. in the Asiatic Society a copy of the diwan contains several poems ascribed to Zib-un Nisa one of which a Rubai runs thus—

سکند دمی که حم در گردن یاری نسد
 کوره ای که لب گریزنداری نسد
 صد بهار آفرید و هر گل بفری جا گرفت
 خسته باغ دل ما زیب دمیاری نسد

to which it is said some one extemporized the following hemistich —

سرمد زیب السا او را خردداری نسد

In my opinion the author of this diwan is Makhlifi of R^{est} in Gilān who was attached to Imam Qulī Khan the Governor of Tais (d. A.H. 1043 = A.D. 1633) and was living in India during the time of Shah Jahan (A.H. 1037-1068 = A.D. 1627-1657)

See Taqī Auladī fol 709 Muht. ʿĀfshā Num. Majma un Nafais fol 328^b (Soc. copy) Natar ul Afkar etc

The diwan has been lithographed in Cawnpore A.H. 1268 and in Lucknow A.H. 1284

Beginning with Qasidāhs —

دل من بلبل * و باغ خم گل انس
 فنا دیوار آن باغ و بقا حد مسا ناس

fol 18^b Gazals in alphabetical order beginning as in Rieu —

ای را بر ر- ، حرم گل نسان ما
 گوی حرف- ه- ت مطلع دیوان ما

fol 180^a Tarkib-bands, beginning —

ان حسن که در نرده نبود رار بهان داسب

fol 195^v Tajribands, beginning —

ای مرهم رعم هر گریدی
وی بد کسی هر کمیدی

Written in bold Nasta'liq, on red coloured papers, within gold-ruled borders

Not dated, apparently 12th century A H

No 423

fol 63, lines 12, size 8 × 5, 6 × 3

دیوان آراد

DÎWÂN-I-ÂZÂD.

Mîr Gulâm 'Alî, with the takhallus Âzâd, was a distinguished scholar and an eminent writer. He belonged to a noble family of the Wâsiti Sayyids of Balgîâm and traced his descent from Imâm Zayn-ul-Âbidîn. In his *Sarw-i-Âzâd* he designates himself thus

آراد الحسنى نسا و الواسطى اصلا و البلگرامى مولدا و مساء
و الحسنى مدها و الحسنى طرته

We learn from his own statements in the *Sarw-i-Âzâd* and *Khazânah-i-Âminah* that he was born in Balgîâm on Sunday, the 25th of Safar, A H 1116 = A D 1704. He made himself thoroughly conversant with all the branches of the Muhammadan literature under the pupilship of several distinguished scholars, viz, Mîr Tufayl Muhammad Balgîâmî, Mîr 'Abd-ul-Jalîl Balgîâmî (his maternal grandfather), and Mîr Sayyid Muhammad. In A H 1150 = A D 1737 he set out on a pilgrimage to Mecca, where he stayed for two years, in the course of which he learnt Hadîs from 'Shaykh Muhammad Hayât, at Medina, and from Shaykh 'Abd-ul-Wahhâb at Mecca. On his return to

India, A H 1152 = A D 1739 he settled in Aurangabad. He became the disciple of Mir Sayyid Lutf Ullah Balgami in A H 1137 = A D 1723 and learnt the art of composing Arabic poems from Mir Abd ul Jalil. He enjoyed the kind patronage of Nizam ud Daulah Nizam Jang and his brothers. According to the poet Janhar who as stated in Pien p 375 saw him in Aurangabad A H 1198 = A D 1783 he died in A H 1199 = A D 1784 but several other biographers place the poet's death in A H 1200 = A D 1785. He is the first editor of the well known biographical work Ma'asim ul Umara of Shah Nawaz Khan (mentioned hereafter) and is the author of روضه الكرام and انوار الهمد and an Arabic diwan.

Beginning with G̃az ls in alphabetical order —

برار از مدد اسم الله مع حوس مثالي را
مسحر کن سواد اعظم نازک حالي را

fol 61 Ruba is beginning —

ای نرنو خلوه نو آنا ر وجود
میسون نو انچه هست در و سهود

Written in ordinary Nastaliq

Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No 424

fol 259 lines 15 size 8 × 5 6¼ × 3¼

دیوان واقف

DÎWÂN-I-WÂQIF

Maulanâ Nûr ul Ayn with the takhallus Waqif was the son of Maulana Amanat Ullah مولانا امانت الله. مولانا نور العین المخلص

According to Sprenger Oude Cat p 589 followed by Rien p 719 and Etthe Bodl Lib Cat No 1189 Waqif belonged to Patiyulah where his father was a Qadi but Āzād whose pupil Waqif was while

speaking of the poet in the present tense, says that Wâqif was a nobleman of the Panjab, and that his father was the Qâdî of Anbâlah in Lahore

نور العین واقع ، ار سرکاری سجاد ، اس ، ندر ماحدس
 قاصی انبالہ بود و انبالہ قصبہ اس ، ار مساجد ، لاهور الح

Again, the author of the *Natâ'ij-ul-Afkân*, p 452, says that the poet originally belonged to Batâlah

. . . اصلس ار قصبہ نبالہ من منعلفا ، دار السلطنت لاهور
 اسب کہ مساجد ، می کروہی حاد ، سرمی واقع گسنہ الح

The same Âizû says that Wâqif occasionally used to send his compositions to him for correction, and that he was a promising poet. Wâqif died in Dihlî, A H 1200 = A D 1785 For the poet and his work, see the references given above

Beginning with Gazals in alphabetical order

ای سرم سو تو نالان بہر سو سارہا
 رمنہ در ہر گوشہ ران سارہا آوارہا

fol 240^a Rubâ'is

Beginning

ار سلسلہ بی سرو پایاں نو ایم الح

fol 248^b A Taijî'band

Beginning —

ای رل ، نو مریں کمیدی

fol 258^a A Mukhammas

Beginning

برا مشکل کسا دانسنہ نودم

برا حاجب روا دانسنہ نودم

Written in a fair Nasta'liq, within gold-ruled borders, with a frontispiece

Not dated, apparently 19th century

No 425

fol 272 lines 20 size $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

The same

Another copy of Waqif's diwan beginning as above —

ای نه نرم سون نو نالان بهر سوسارها

fol 200 Mukhammas

Beginning as in the preceding copy —

ترا مشکل کسا دانسته نودم الح

fol 201 Ruba'is

Beginning as above —

ار ا له بی سر الح

fol 264^b Tarj band

Beginning as above —

ای رلف تو الح

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Dated A H 1200

No 426

fol 311 lines 10 size 9×5 7×4

The same

Another copy of Waqif's diwan containing only Ghazals in alphabetical order

Beginning as above —

ای نه نرم سون الح

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently a very modern copy

No. 427.

foll 159, lines 17, size 9 × 6, 7 × 4.

ديوان وامق

DÎWÂN-I-WÂMIQ.

Shaykh Nijâz Muhyî-ud-Dîn Balgîâmî, with the poetical title Wâmiq, شیخ نبار محیی الدین المنخلص له وامق البلگرامی, must not be confounded with Muhammad Akhlâs (d A H 1147), who was a Khetî Hindû, and embraced Islâm in the beginning of Âlamgir's reign, and, like the present poet, adopted the takhallus Wâmiq. Muhyî-ud-Dîn Wâmiq was the son of Shaykh Gulâm Muhyî-ud-Dîn Fâiûqî, and a pupil of Mîr Muhammad Shân and Mîr Nawâzish 'Alî Faqî. The author of the Gul-i-Ra'û says that, while he was composing the said work, Mîr Nûr-ul-Hasan, in whose service Wâmiq was then employed, sent the poet from 'Azîmâbâd to Râjah Shitâb Râi at Jaunpur. Wâmiq was a friend of the celebrated Â'âd, and sent many poems to him. According to the author of the Natâ'ij-ul-Afkâi, p 459, Wâmiq died towards the end of the 12th century. The last date found in his diwân is A H 1201 = A D 1786.

Contents

Beginning with a short Masnawî —

مصحح حسن ر محسن قدیم
بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

The Masnawî is followed by a few Qasidahs

fol 20^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

مصحح حسن یار نامد طاهر از عنوان ما
وصف مصراع قدس بسم الله دیوان ما

The Gazals are followed by Faids, Mukhammasât, Qit'ahs and Rubâ'is

Written in rough Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 13th century A H

No 428

foll 141 lines 1, size 9 × 6 7 × 3½

دیوان عسکری

DÎWÂN-I-'ASKARÎ

A diwan by a poet who calls himself Askarî. According to the colophon (quoted below) he was a native of Balgram.

The dates found in the diwan range from A H 1165 to A H 1203. It consists of Qasidas, Gazals, Tarjibands, Oghals and Rubais.

Beginning —

مدد بسم الله روس مطلع دیوان ما
آه ر بود آرایش عنوان ما

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

A modern copy

No 429

foll 118 lines 12 size 9 × 6 6½ × 4

دیوان رضا

DÎWÂN-I-RIDÂ

Poets with the takhallus Ridâ are numerous but as in the present work we find several Muḥammadas on some of the poems of Mirza Qatîl who died in A H 1233 = A D 1817 we can infer that this Ridâ is identical with Muhammad Ridâ of Azimabad mentioned in the Nishtar, 1 Ishq p 677. Muhammad Ridâ better known as Mir Muhammad with the takhallus Ridâ received his early education from Mir Dîya ud Din of Shâh Jahanabad. From Azimabad Ridâ went to Murshidabad where he died in A H 1216 shortly after his return from Lucknow. The author of the Nishtar, 1 Ishq says that he once visited the poet at Benares in A H 1216 = A D 1801 and that at that time the poet was

about fifty-three years old. The same author expresses the poet's death in the words *رامسوس ار رصا*. Ridâ was well versed in Hadîs and Arabic grammar, and is said to have been a good Rikhtah poet.

Contents

Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning

حر نام او اگر گردد بر زبان ما
برهان قاطع است، نطاع اللسان ما

fol 190^a Rubâ'îs

Beginning

همه‌ای تو ناحه، بساط دل ما

fol 111^a Mukhammasât on the Gazals of Maulawî Salâmat Ullah and Muzâ Qatîl

Beginning

بود کی بی من، ار بس طرز من تو

Written in a careless Nasta'liq.

Not dated, apparently 13th century A H

No. 430.

fol 267, lines 12, size 11 × 6, 7 × 4

دیوان فاکر مکین

DÎWÂN-I-FÂKHİR MAKÎN.

Muzâ Muhammad Fâkhîr Makîn was the pupil of Muzâ 'Azîmâ, *Ikshî* of Isfahân, who came to Dihlî during the reign of Muhammad Shâh. Makîn was born in Dihlî, but emigrated to Lucknow in A H 1173 = A D 1759. He attached himself to the court of Shâh 'Âlam, who showed him great favours and accepted him as his instructor in the art of poetry. Makîn died in Lucknow in A H 1221 = A D 1806. Mohan La'l Anis, in his *Anis-ul-Ahibbâ* (see Rieu

p 376) has devoted long notices on Fakhr Makin and the poets of his school

Beginning —

حسنى در دل جو سر اندارد

درد بر درد ديگر اندارد

fol 31^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

اگر برواي حقيقي دارى و اندسه مولى

الا انها اء، قول في الدنيا دع الدنيا

Mukhammasat on the Gazals of Hafiz Naziri and Hazin

Beginning on fol 243 —

همري بار و اء، حوس بود وقت ما را

امروز درد و محبت آورد صد بلا را

Ruba is in alphabetical order

Beginning on fol 253^b —

وبراه كجاست كو عيار نادا

برجاست دلم ر سهر عارب نادا

Masnavis

Beginning on fol 260^b —

سلام عليك اى امام همام

رهي كر بلاى تو دار السلام

Written in ordinary Nasta liq

A modern copy

No. 431.

foli 128, lines 11, size 9×7 , 7×5

ديوان مويّد

DÎWÂN-I-MÛJÎD.

The author of the *Nishtar-i-'Ishq* (composed A.H. 1233), p. 1562, who speaks of the poet in the present tense, says that Mûjîd, with his original name Sirâj-ul-Ilâqq, was born in Muhan in the Province of Awadh. He came to Murshidâbâd, and, after staying there for some time with Nawwâb Khân Khânân Mu'azzaz Jang, went to Calcutta, where his merit was highly appreciated by scholars and high European officials. The date of the poet's death is not found anywhere, but at the end of the diwân is a Qit'ah expressing the date of the birth of a child to one Râj Kishan in A.H. 1226 = A.D. 1811.

A diwân by one Fakhr-ud-Dîn Mûjîd is noticed in Sprenger, *Oude Cat.*, p. 505.

This copy contains only Gazals arranged in alphabetical order.

Beginning

يا من يرني حملاه، في كل ما يرني
عالم تمام حلوه گه آمد رح ترا

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 13th century A.H.

The copy is slightly wormed

No. 432.

foli 111, lines 15, size $9 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$.

ديوان خاموش

DÎWÂN-I-KHÂMÛSH.

The diwân is identical with the one noticed in Sprenger, *Oude Cat.*, p. 461, where it is said to be the work of Rây Sâhib Râm of Dillî, who

adopted the takhallus Khamûsh was for some time Tahsildar under Mr N Duncan in Benares and died at an advanced age of over seventy previous to A H 1229 = A D 1813

But as in the following verse on fol 92 the author says that he received some prose and poetical compositions from Gayûrî we are inclined to think that he was contemporary with Mulla Gayûrî of Kâbul who was in the service of Akbar and was killed in A H 994 = A D 1580

See Blochmann's Âin-i Akbarî vol 1 p 609 and Riyâd ush Shu'arâ

حامس بن آن کلاک گهر مسیح خوری
صد سکر که هم نر هم اسعار فرساد

The poet adopts the poetical title of حامس as well as حاموس

The diwan consists mostly of Qasidas and some short Masnawis and Qit'as

Beginning as in Sprenger *ibid* —

ای بر تر از آنکه گوید ادراک
وصف نور علم و حقل ما ناک

The diwan contains some poems in imitation of Khaqani and Urfi

The MS is wormed out throughout

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No 433

fol 82 lines 13 size 10½ × 6 8 × 4

دیوان مسکین

、 DÎWÂN-I-MISKÎN

A diwan by a poet who adopts the poetical title of Miskin consisting of some Masnawis and Qasidas in praise of Nawwab Abul Qasim Khan Nawwab Gulamî Khan and Mi Elphinstone. Towards the end are several chronograms the dates of which range from A H 1216 to 1230 = A D 1801-1814

Beginning —

ای که کردی دانش و علم و حرد در کار ما
خود را از یاد تو ناسد مایه آزار ما

A *diwân* by another poet, with the same takhallus, *Miskin*, is noticed in Sprenger, *Oude Cat.*, p 498

Written in ordinary *Nasta'liq*

Not dated, apparently 14th century.

No. 434.

fol. 294, lines 19, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$, $8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.

دیوان قاتل

DÎWÂN-I-QATÎL.

Mirzâ Qatîl, whose first name was Dawâli Singh, was a Khatri Hindû and embraced Islâm, at the age of eighteen, at the hands of Mirzâ Bâqir Shahîd Isfahânî from whom he received the name of Muhammad Hasan and the takhallus of Qatîl

He was an eminent poet, and found a good patron in the person of Nawwâb Sa'âdat 'Alî Khân, from whom he received lavish favours

After staying for some time in Dihli he went to Lucknow, where he held the office of Head-Munshî, and died in A.H. 1233 = A.D. 1817 See Sprenger, *Oude Cat.*, pp 170 and 535, Rieu, p 64 Besides the *diwân* he left several other works, viz *Shajarat-ul-Amânî* (composed A.H. 1206), *Nahr-ul-Fasâhat* (composed A.H. 1214), *Letters* (c. A.H. 1217), *Châr Sharbat* (A.H. 1217), *Dayâ-i-Latâfat* (c. A.H. 1220), *Haft Tamâshâ* (A.H. 1228), *Qânûn-i-Mujaddad*, etc

Contents

Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning

بود برقی دگر در جلوه ها جانانه ما را
نه هر دم معی بجان آتش رید بروانه ما را

Muhammadst.

Beginning on fol 279^b —

ای دگر تو راحت روانم
حر و صف تو ا بر زبانم

Tarkib-band

Beginning on fol 282 —

چه سد کنون که زمی خاک میکند بر سر
راست آبروان سد هزار صحرا تر

Qit'alis

Beginning on fol 288 —

امروز ر خور فلک معده بردار
گنج حصی در رمی گسته نهان های

Written in careless Nasta'liq within red ruled borders
Not dated apparently 13th century ۱۱

No 435

fol 198 lines 18 size 10 x 6 7½ x 4½

The same

Another copy of Qit'is diwan containing only Gazals arranged in alphabetical order and beginning as above —

بود برقی دگر در حلوه ها خانه ما را الح

Some Gazals and verses are written on margins in different places

Written in a fair Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 13th century

The copy is water stained throughout

No. 436.

fol 78, lines (centre col) 15, (marginl. col) 28;
size $9\frac{3}{4} \times 6$, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4$.

یوسف و زلیخا

YÛSUF-WA-ZALÎKHÂ.

The romantic story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife, representing the Quranic story of Joseph in Chapter XII, in the metre of Jâmî's poem of the same title (see No 196, vol 11 of this Catalogue)

By ، Hashmat.

The poem is preceded by a short preface devoted to the praise of God and the prophet

Beginning —

حمد سعد لایرالی را مرد که هم و همکاره ، حسن معائن الح

، The poem begins thus on fol 1^b

الهي گوهر مفود بها

بازر دل تحلائي نعوما

The name of the poet Hashmat occurs in several places, *e.g.*, on fol 4^b —

دل حسد ، اربن مرده سگمه

حو گل گلدمنه ها سنه بهمنه

In the prologue the poet praises Fath 'Alî Shâh of Persia (A H 1212-1250 = A D 1797-1834), to whom he probably dedicated the work

عهد دولت شاه ماهر

سربر آرای ایران مهر افسر

ماهر مر دلاور شاه هم چاه

مه ؟ ني منان صبح علی شاه

In the concluding verse the poet says that he completed the work in
A H 1236 = A D 1820

سال الف افرون بد دو صد سال
دگر مي و مس افرون بر نكو مال

Written in minute Nasta'liq within gold ruled borders with two illuminated frontispieces at the beginning

Not dated apparently the latter part of the 13th century

No 437

fol 62 lines 17 size 12 × 7¹/₂ 8 × 4¹/₄

سورس ع ن

SHÛRISH-I-'ISHQ

A poem in the metre of Jamis Yûsuf Zalikhâ dealing with the love adventure of a youth who in course of a voyage after suffering shipwreck reached an island and there fell in love with a damsel by an anonymous author

Beginning —

لوانم حمامه و لظا امب لسکر
بسدان آمدم الله اکبر

The name of the poem occurs as سورس عشق at the end of the poem. The date of composition A H 1248 ~ A D 1831 is expressed by several chronograms at the end

The story itself begins thus on fol 7 —

نصوب مرغ ساح حوس نالي
حسن رد رمض طاوس معالي

Written in careless Nasta'liq within ruled borders

Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No. 438.

fol 180, lines 14, size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{4}$, 8×4

دیوان برشته

DÎWÂN-I-BIRISHTAH.

A dîwân by a poet who adopts the takhallus *Birish̄tah*. From the chronograms relating to several contemporary events, the dates of which range from A H 1234 = A D 1262, it would appear that the poet lived in the latter half of the 13th century.

Contents

Qasîdahs

Beginning on fol 1^b

بر مآهد کمال تو در حلوة جمال
مآهد رارض تا ملک ای مدع کمال

- ‘ Most of the Qasîdahs are in praise of the Imâms.
- Gazals in alphabetical order
- ‘ Beginning on fol 26^b

در کمال، حسن مستنیم الح

Mustazâds

Beginning on fol 128^a

بر مبد نه ما را گهی از ایام، و مدارا آن خبر، ماهی

Mukhammasât on the Gazals of Sa’dî, Qatîl, Nâtiq, and others
Beginning on fol 129^a

در حلوة رله، تو امسرم

صبریت، که از حباب، مسرم

Wâsûkhts

Beginning on fol 1350^a —

دومنان مسکندم حسن بفریاد رمبد
فوح هم بر سر دل ریخت، نامداد رمبد

Elegies

Beginning on fol 138 —

ایں کہ سورا کہ فرناک ر محسر برحاسب

Rubais

Beginning on fol 146 —

رین صدمه رمین نھون مکدر گردد

Qit'abs expressing the dates of several contemporary events

Beginning on fol 150 —

ار عنایات الھی هم ر امداد ~ ن

Short Masnawis

Beginning on fol 146^b —

دھر ار صع آن خالق داور

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

Not dated apparently 13th century

No 439

fol 115 lines 20 (in 4 coll) size 12 × 8 10 × 6

حملة ~ ی

HAMLAH-I-HUSAYNĪ

An epic poem in the style and metre of Firdausi's *Shah Namah* dealing with the account of the battle of Karbala by Sayyid Gulam Ali al Mūsawwir Radawī of Jahangīr Nagar composed in A.H. 1263 = A.D. 1846

Beginning —

سام خداوند حر و ودود

خداوند عفو و خداوند خود

Written in careless Nasta'liq
 Not dated, apparently 14th century A H

No 440.

fol 466, lines (centre col) 19, (marginal col) 12,
 size $11\frac{1}{2} \times 7$, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان قاننی

DÎWÂN-I-QÂ'ÂNÎ.

The celebrated Qâ'ânî, with his proper name Mirzâ Habib Ullah, who is admitted on all hands to be the greatest of the modern poets of Persia, was the son of Mirzâ Abul Hasan, poetically called Gulshân, and was born in Shîràz. At an early age he applied his mind to study, and when only a boy of seven years he left his paternal roof and went to Mashhad, where he devoted himself to a diligent pursuit of knowledge, and in a short time established his reputation as a poet of great eminence. His wonderful skill in poetical compositions attracted the attention of Hasan 'Alî Mirzâ Shujâ'-us-Saltanat, who, after enjoying for some time the learned society of the poet, sent him to his father Fath 'Alî Shâh. This king received Qâ'ânî with great esteem, honoured him with the title of Mujtahid-ush-Shu'arâ, and in appreciation of the poet's high talents occasionally favoured him with liberal rewards and many other honours. Besides being a master in all the branches of the Muhammadan literature, Qâ'ânî was a great linguist (he is said to have been thoroughly conversant with French), while the beautiful style of his Persian poems would at once suggest that he had a peculiar command over the language, rarely found in any poet of any time or country. He died in Tihân, A H 1270 = A D 1853. His diwân was lithographed in Tihân, A H 1277, and his کتبه و نثر، consisting of a collection of anecdotes lithographed in the same place, A H 1302.

For his life see Majma'-ul-Fusahât, vol. II, p 402, E G Browne, "A Year amongst the Persians," p 118, Rien Suppl, No 367, etc

Beginning of the diwân on fol 45^b

دومدم ندا رسید در درگاه کوریا
 کای بیده کمر بهنر اریں حه ، سرنا

The *diwān* contains a preface by *Abd Ullāh bin Muḥammad Jafar* with the *takhallūs* *Mahyāb* and begins thus —

توانا حدانکه بخودان نرم مد گاهی • مدرب اربد
الح

This copy is in the handwriting of the aforesaid *Mahyāb* who adds a *Gazal* at the end which begins thus —

نوند وصل می آند نگوسم بی سمارا •
کران مرده نمالد اندر دلم صر و مرارا

Written in a fair *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured ruled borders with illuminated frontispiece

Not dated apparently the latter part of the 13th century A H

No 441

fol 136 lines 21 size 9½ x 6 7 x 1

دیوان غالب

DÎWÂN-I-GÂLIB

Galib with his full name *احمد الملك مرزا امده الله* who may be called the last of the classical poets of India enjoys the uncommon fame of having been equally well versed both in Persian and in *Urdū* poetry. Although born and brought up in India he was in no way inferior to the eminent and well known poets of Persia and it can be safely asserted that since his death India has not been able to produce a Persian poet of his merit and fame while as an *Urdū* poet it can be claimed that he still remains unsurpassed. He belonged to a very respectable family and his ancestors held high offices. His paternal grandfather was in the service of *Shāh Âlam* while his father *Abd Ullāh Beg Khān* at first entered the services of *Nawwāb Âsraf ud Daulah* at Lucknow and then went to Hyderabad where he secured a high post under *Nizam Ali Khān Bahadur*. Lastly he attached himself to *Rajah Bakhtawar Singh* of Alwar and shortly afterwards was killed.

in a battle Gâlib was only five years old when his father died, and was left under the care of his uncle Nasir Ullâh Beg Khân, the then Sûbahdâr of Akbarâbâd. Not having sufficient means to support himself he came to Calcutta in A.D. 1830 to seek some favour from the Governor-general, but being disappointed returned to Dîhlî. He spent his last days in Dîhlî on a small pension he received from the Nawwâb of Râmpûr, and died in A.H. 1285 = A.D. 1869 at the age of seventy-three. The chronogram of his death is **آه حال ، سرد**. It is said that only a few days before his death he composed the following verse, which he used to repeat very often

دم و انس بر سر راهی
عبروا ، الله هي الله هي

Besides his Persian and Urdû diwâns he left several other works in both the languages, and wrote a history from Timûr to Humâyûn, which he entitled **مهر نبرور**, and was thinking of completing the work dealing with the history from Akbar to Bahâdur Shâh, when mutiny broke out and interrupted the work.

Another work of his, entitled **دستور**, treating of the events that took place from the 11th of May, 1857 to the 1st of July, 1858, contains an account of the Mutiny, the destruction of Dîhlî, and his own memoirs.

A detailed account of his life and works will be found in the *Hayât-i-Gâlib* and the *Âb-i-Hayât*.

Contents

Preface ending with the praise of Dulfiqâr Khân
Beginning on fol. 1^b

یگانه یزدانرا بر تاسکه بحسبده اوست ، مسامس گذارم الح

دیاخه دیوان ریحه . fol 10^a

Beginning —

مسامس مسمم آسایانرا صلا و بهاد انجمن سسایانرا مزده الح

حاتمه گل رحا fol 13^b Epistles, most of which are written in undotted letters

Beginning

سبی که سواد این گوهرین نامه سسایان رسمیده الح

Masnawis The first called درد و داغ, begins thus on fol 18 —

بی نری بررگری ، دا ،
درد دل صحرای خون رسته دا

fol 22^b خواجه دیر

Beginning —

لش نا صور دمسار ا امروز
حمومی محسر رار ا امروز

fol 2 مسوی رنگ و نو

Beginning —

بود جوان دولی از خسروان
خاره کس عارض هدرستان

fol 28^b ناد مخالف

Beginning —

ای تمامان برم محض
وی - سا رمان نادر فز

fol 32^b Qasidahs

Beginning —

بهر ترویج حساب والی نوم الصاب

fol 58^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning —

خون عذار خویش دارد نامه احوال ما
ساده ترکازی فراوان سرم اندک سال ما

fol 13^o Ruba'is

Beginning —

شالاب آراده موحد م
بر ناکي خویش گواه خویشم

fol 135^b A prose subscription on the beauty of سخن

Beginning

یردانرا که سخن آفرید و ربانرا رنگا رنگ، مسبوک گونا
کرد الح

Written in a careless Nasta'liq, within coloured borders

The copy is wrongly dated "1154", apparently it was written in the 13th century A H

No. 442.

fol. 28, lines 8, size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$

محمود نامه

MAHMÛD NÂMAH.

This small diwân contains only a limited number of Gazals, arranged in alphabetical order, and one under each letter, with the peculiarity that the first and the last letters of all the verses are the same. The takhallus, محمود, which occurs in the Maqta', or the last verse of a Gazal, and which is frequently associated with the name of Ayâz (the favourite slave of Sultân Mahmûd of Gaznî, reigned A H 387-421), has led many to ascribe the work to that emperor. The work, with the title محمود نامه, has been repeatedly lithographed in India.

Beginning —

ای داع بر دل از هم حال تو لاله را
سرمه سار آهوی رسد، حلاله را

Written in a clear, bold Nasta'liq, with a sumptuously decorated and double-paged 'unwân

Not dated, apparently 14th century A H

No 443

foli 154 lines 14 size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ $7 \times 3\frac{3}{4}$

دیوان ولایت

DÎWÂN-I-WILÂYAT

A diwân containing Ruba'is Gazals Fards and Masnawis mostly of Sunc character by a poet who adopts the takhallus of ولایت

Beginning thus with Ruba'is in alphabetical order —

الصد لداده العلي الاعلي
الاسما و صاب الصبا

The folios are hopelessly misplaced
Written in careless Nasta'liq
Not dated apparently 13th century A H

No 444

foli 20 lines 8 size $8 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ $6 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

An anonymous short Masnawî poem dealing with some religious doctrines of Islam by one Hafizî belonging to the Shî'ah sect. The subjects dealt with are — نسیم — غسل — امامت — نبوت — The subjects dealt with are — نسیم — غسل — امامت — نبوت — وصو — بحساب — معده — اعداد — رکو —

Beginning —

ای دل اول نگو تو نسیم الله
کی ادا مکر د، الله

The poet's name occurs in the following concluding line —

حافظی نظم کرد این انسان
در پ ن خدا دهد در حجاب

Written in a clear, bold Nasta'liq, with a sumptuously decorated and double-paged 'unwân

Not dated, apparently 14th century A.H

No. 445.

fol. 47, lines 6, size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4} \times 4$.

The same

Another copy of Hâfizî's same Masnawî. Ten verses at the end are wanting A splendid copy

Written in a beautiful, bold Nasta'liq on marbled paper of different colours

Not dated, apparently 13th century A.H

No. 446.

fol. 134, lines 19, size $9\frac{1}{4} \times 5$, $7 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$

دیوان حسرت

DÎWÂN-I-HASRAT.

Two poets who adopted the takhallus Hasrat are mentioned in the Majma'-ul Fusahâ, but the verses quoted there are not found in this diwân

Rieu, p 712, mentions also one Hasrat, who, however, seems to be quite different from the present poet

The diwân contains Gazals without any order

Beginning —

چه دل وا نکند تا تو تکلم کنی

گل بسدد بخت تا تو نسیم کنی

Written in a careless Nasta'liq

Not dated, apparently 13th century A.H

No 447

fol 187 lines 16 size $2\frac{1}{2} \times 8$ 9×5

دیوان نصر

DÎWÂN-I-NASR

Shah Alî Habib with the poetical title Nasr was a Şâfi of Phulwari in Dinapûr Patna. He died in A H 1230 = A D 1878

Beginning with Gazals arranged in alphabetical order —

مقام و و حدا را
که ندا کرد این ارض و ما را

Written in a fur Nasta liq

No 448

fol 238 lines 15 size $10 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ 7×4

کلمات ~ رت

KULLIYÂT-I-HASRAT

Muhammad Sa'id poetically called Hasrat of Patna died only a few years ago

The Kulliyat is preceded by a short Arabic preamble by Hadrat Muhammad bin Gulam Rasûl Sûratî an intimate friend of Hasrat which begins thus —

حدا لب بر اللسان والهمه السان

Hasrat's preface in which he says that in his Persian poems he adopted the takhallus Hasrat and in Arabic Sa'id begins thus on fol 4^b —

الحمد لله وكفى والصلوة والسلام علي سيدنا

fol 5^b Qasîdahs

Beginning

بِغَالِي اللّٰه رَهِي مَاسِ كِه سِهَانَسْت وَ هَم بِدَا الْح

fol 18^b Gazals in alphabetical order

Beginning

رَوِي دَر رَوِي حِدَا دَارِيْمَ مَا

سَرِ نَبَايِ مِصْبَاهِي دَارِيْمَ مَا

The Gazals are followed by Mukhammasât and Musallasât on the Gazals of Sa'dî, Jâmî, Hâfiz, and others

fol 75^a Rubâ'is

اِي رُوسِي دِيدَةُ حَمْدِيدَةُ مَا

كَبَا ، السَّوَارِحِ consisting of numerous târikhs on the birth and death of his relatives and friends and of other events, the dates of which range from A H 1222-1300

fol 146^a-151^a Gazals which the poet composed after the publication of his diwân

fol 151^b-155^b Some Urdû Gazals and Târikhs

fol 156-159 Blank

fol 160^b-164^a Life of Jâmî, with an enumeration of his compositions This is followed by Hasiat's Arabic and Persian letters which he wrote to his relatives and friends

Towards the end are several chronograms expressing the date of completion of the diwân, A H 1300, and of other events The last date is A H 1300

Written in ordinary Nasta'liq

A modern copy

END OF VOL III

الحمد لله الذي ارسل عليا عليه السلام
 صرح سهار الدين محمد صفي الله شاهان
 خطا مقرر لاسر ملا علي محمد مام اور ارشد مام بدر



فكرت

شاهان محمد صفي الله شاهان
 خطا مقرر لاسر ملا علي محمد مام اور ارشد مام بدر

در حال دید که در یک

روز در دیوان حاضر

از تائیت احد

روان از ایات

مبارک آمده که اگر

شرح آنها شود گمانی

شوا اما الله تعالی

حون فتح ولایات

شرقی و مبارزان

دیار ما را گرد کارشود

در حونی بخیر احسان

المعبد فوئتاد سود

ه خجته ان معالات فیرم

در بیتی بجزد تو بقیه

سب و عشق محمد فیرم

آیه در شهر دیساره

بر ریاضت

والسلام

سر سر ایام و سال

در ایام و سال

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هو

مستاک

دیوان میرزا کامران که در سرکار
مست خط محمود ایستاده است
حوزه نورالدین محمد جهانگیر
نیمه جلوس معانی

لجند الدی امری
بالعین الکتاب

رنگ شاه جهان
اکبر شاه

۲۲ ماداری
عصا

دیوان

دیوان میرزا کامران
لایحه معانی
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شهر

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فصل اول از دیوان

شاه جهان



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This leaf contains a collection of handwritten notes and seals. The text is written in Persian script. The notes are arranged in a somewhat circular fashion around the central seals. The seals are of various shapes and sizes, some containing text and others appearing to be blank or partially obscured. The handwriting is in a cursive style, typical of Persian manuscripts.

The notes include the following text (transliterated from Persian):

- Top left: "بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم"
- Top right: "الحمد لله رب العالمين"
- Center: "الحمد لله رب العالمين"
- Bottom left: "الحمد لله رب العالمين"
- Bottom right: "الحمد لله رب العالمين"

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